

Language Linking, Global Thinking!

S2 French – Alva Academy

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Sarreguemines

Ellen's blog

- "Her blog was very informative and gave us an idea as to what French culture is like and how the schools work".
- "I've learned a lot about France and what life's like there".
- "It was interesting to see what she had been doing and what it's like to live in France".
- Link to lessons – e.g. mardi gras
- Link to other classes

Penpals



Penpals

- "It was fun and a good opportunity to use my knowledge of French and also expand my knowledge of French"
- "It was easier than I expected to communicate with them as their emails weren't perfect and neither were mine...after the first email I didn't panic so much that my French wasn't perfect"
- "It was good for practicing my French and to look at how their English was"

Penpals

- "I got to speak to people in France. It was a great experience and I have really enjoyed it"
- "It's great getting to know someone from a different country and finding out what they're into"
- "I have learned a lot about French lifestyle and that we are very similar in certain things"
- "I've learned that even though they are in another country we are almost the same"

Pupil feedback

- “It has greatly increased my interest in language learning”
- "I'm excited to learn more about French culture and more of the language"
- “I would like to learn more French and meet and talk to more people from France”
- “The project has made me want to speak in French more”
- "It has made me want to live in France for a bit and see what it's like for myself"

Next steps?

- More regular contact with penpals
- Skype penpals
- “It would be great if we could meet our penpals”

Final thoughts...

“That no matter what language you speak you can still communicate with people”