Unit Objective:

To be able to say the date in French.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Recognise and recall the 7 days of the week in French.
- Recognise and recall the 12 months of the year in French.
- Recognise and recall numbers 1-31 in French.
- Ask what the date is and say the date in French.
- Ask somebody when their birthday is and say when our own birthday is in French.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from 'Phonics & Pronunciation' lessons 1, 2 & 3,
- Language introduced from Early Language units & numbers 1-31.
- Vocabulary from the Intermediate unit 'Je me présente', including how to say your name and age in French.

Skills we will develop:

To learn how to formulate the date in French and to say when our birthday is using days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31.

Activities we will complete:

A number of different activities to learn how to say the date in French. Starting by learning the 12 months of the year in French. After recycling and revisiting numbers 1-31, learning how to ask and say the date and finally ask and say when your birthday is. After a class survey on birthdays there will be ample opportunity for extended writing using the final tasks in week 5 integrating this new knowledge with previously learnt personal details.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Ordinal & cardinal numbers. To learn that months of the year (and the days of the week) do not have a capital letter in French unless they are found at the start of a sentence. Noting that the 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc is not used in the French date. The only ordinal number for saying the date in French is the 1st (premier/1er).

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: É E È EAU EUX

- É sound in février and décembre
- EUX sound in deux.
- Silent letters. These letters will appear throughout the unit, for example in the silent letter 't' at the ends of the words 'est' and 'juillet'

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The 12 nouns for the months of the year and the structures involved for asking and saying the date, as well as how to ask and say when your birthday is in French. This is all listed on the Pupil Unit Glossary.