

Unit 11: Joyeux anniversaire !

Five-minute follow-ups

- Explain that numbers do not always look the same when they are written in French, for example the one has a long tail on it and the seven is crossed through. Show the children examples if possible and invite them to practise for themselves.
- Tell the children your birth date, or that of a celebrity, in French and see if they can work out what it might be. Write their answers on mini whiteboards.
- Teach the children how to sing 'Happy Birthday' in French:

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You could simplify this to *Bon anniversaire* if you prefer.

- Make a class birthday chart for display.

Key words

Core:	<i>dix</i> – 10	<i>vingt</i> – 20	<i>trente</i> – 30	<i>juin</i> – June
<i>un</i> – 1	<i>onze</i> – 11	<i>vingt et un</i> – 21	<i>trente et un</i> – 31	<i>juillet</i> – July
<i>deux</i> – 2	<i>douze</i> – 12	<i>vingt-deux</i> – 22	<i>le premier</i> – the first	<i>août</i> – August
<i>trois</i> – 3	<i>treize</i> – 13	<i>vingt-trois</i> – 23	<i>la première</i> (f) – the first	<i>septembre</i> – September
<i>quatre</i> – 4	<i>quatorze</i> – 14	<i>vingt-quatre</i> – 24	<i>janvier</i> – January	<i>octobre</i> – October
<i>cinq</i> – 5	<i>quinze</i> – 15	<i>vingt-cinq</i> – 25	<i>février</i> – February	<i>novembre</i> – November
<i>six</i> – 6	<i>seize</i> – 16	<i>vingt-six</i> – 26	<i>mars</i> – March	<i>décembre</i> – December
<i>sept</i> – 7	<i>dix-sept</i> – 17	<i>vingt-sept</i> – 27	<i>avril</i> – April	
<i>huit</i> – 8	<i>dix-huit</i> – 18	<i>vingt-huit</i> – 28	<i>mai</i> – May	
<i>neuf</i> – 9	<i>dix-neuf</i> – 19	<i>vingt-neuf</i> – 29		

Key phrases

Core:

Les mois de l'année – the months of the year

Quelle est la date aujourd'hui ? –

What is the date today?

(Aujourd'hui) c'est le (cinq avril) –

(Today) it's the (5th of April)

Quel âge as-tu ? – How old are you?

J'ai ... ans – I am...years old

Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire ? – When is your birthday? (What date is your birthday?)

Mon anniversaire est le ... – My birthday is on the...

Joyeux/Bon anniversaire ! – Happy birthday!

Extension:

En quelle année es-tu né(e) ? – In what year were you born?

Je suis né(e) en ... (2000) – I was born in...(2000)

Language points

- Ordinal numbers are not used for dates other than the first of the month.
- In French the first letter of the month is normally written in lower case, for example *avril*. (It may sometimes be capitalised in posters etc.)
- There is no word for 'on' when giving the date. For example, *mon anniversaire est le cinq avril* can mean 'my birthday is on the 5 April'. Children sometimes have difficulty with this.
- Because *anniversaire* begins with a vowel *joyeux* is pronounced differently so that *joyeux* sounds like *joyeuse* even though it is masculine.