



Overseas Family School

Mother Tongue French



French Mother Tongue Classes since August 2015 Classes de Français Langue Maternelle depuis août 2015

- Our rich Mother Tongue program underwent a major expansion from August 2015. We offer Mother Tongue classes in 14 different languages, from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.
- **French Mother Tongue is offered from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.**
- Mother Tongue program is integrated into the curriculum and **does not involve an extra fee.**

Languages offered are:

Danish	Dutch	Finnish	French	German
Hebrew	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Mandarin
Norwegian	Russian	Spanish	Swedish	

Overseas Family School is:

- authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva, Switzerland
- registered with Cambridge Assessment International Education, UK
- accredited K-12 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), USA
- a Member School of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) registered with Fieldwork Education, UK
- a Member School of International Primary Curriculum (IPC) registered with Fieldwork Education, UK
- registered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), Singapore [Registration No.: 199104269R (1/9/2015 - 31/8/2019)]
- EduTrust Certified [Certificate Number: EDU-2-2072 (Validity: 21/12/2015 - 20/12/2019)]

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Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



What is it?

This refers to the first language a child learns at home.

Why is Mother Tongue important?

It is in the dominant language that higher level thinking takes place. This is especially pronounced in very young children. It will also benefit children in education back in their home country, should they return, as they will be competent in oral, written and grammar skills.



How is it done?

This program is well resourced:

- Four sessions per week, in Kindergarten (from Pre-K2), Elementary and Middle School.
- Integrated into the academic programs.
- All features of any other subject, i.e. assessment, homework, reporting, etc.
- Focuses on reading, writing, listening, speaking and culture. Courses include literature in the Mother Tongue.
- Is an additional choice for parents, **instead of** foreign language study.
- **No additional fee involved.**

Who are the teachers?

Our Mother Tongue teachers are native speakers of the language, with teacher training and degree earned in the home country. They are qualified to teach in the home country and also fluent in English.



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart".

Nelson Mandela



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Gaëlle Petra-Legroux enseigne depuis 17 ans en Asie (dont 14 ans passés à Singapour). Originnaire de Bretagne, elle a grandi principalement à Paris puis à la Réunion. Diplômée d'un Master en Droit, après avoir travaillé un an au Lycée Français de Singapour, elle a fondé en 2005 le centre d'enseignement French Educenter (maternelle à baccalauréat). Dans ce cadre, elle a créé et développé une méthode et un programme spécifiques destinés aux élèves francophones du système international. Gaëlle a également enseigné l'histoire de France, le français et l'histoire de la gastronomie pendant deux ans à l'Université de Singapour avant de rejoindre l'Overseas Family School en 2011. Lorsque l'école lui a proposé en 2015 de développer les programmes de français langue maternelle intra-curriculum, c'est avec enthousiasme qu'elle a relevé le défi ! Les classes de « français langue maternelle » sont destinées aux enfants natifs francophones. Le programme a pour objectif de suivre le programme national français, maintenir un bon niveau académique (à raison de quatre heures de cours hebdomadaires), tout en prenant plaisir à écrire, lire et vivre sa langue maternelle française.



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