



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 15 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	Portuguese	Russian	Spanish	Swedish

Overseas Family School is:

- authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva, Switzerland
- a Cambridge International School, UK
- accredited for K-12 by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), USA
- a Member School of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) registered with International Curriculum Association, UK
- a Member School of International Primary Curriculum (IPC) registered with International Curriculum Association, UK
- registered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), Singapore [Registration No.: 199104269R (01/09/2023–31/08/2027)]
- EduTrust Certified [Certificate Number: EDU-2-2072 (Validity: 21/08/2024–20/08/2028)]

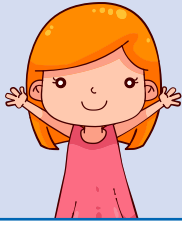
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Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



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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J'ai commencé ma carrière en France en tant que professeur de Français et d'Histoire-Géographie. Après quelques années d'enseignement, je suis retournée à l'université pour me spécialiser dans l'enseignement du français comme langue d'acquisition. Grâce à mon Master d'éducation et de Français Langue étrangère, j'ai pu enseigner le français en tant que seconde langue à Paris et au Yémen. Maintenant à Singapour depuis neuf années, j'ai eu la chance d'enseigner auprès d'un large public, à la fois francophone et non francophone, de l'école primaire au lycée.



Ms Melanie Thomine

Arrivée en 2010 à Singapour, j'ai enseigné la langue et la littérature françaises à l'Alliance Française, dans plusieurs écoles secondaires et enfin à Overseas Family School. Après un Capes et un Master de lettres classiques, j'ai enseigné les lettres classiques quelques années dans l'Education Nationale française avant de collaborer avec le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères pour la coopération éducative avec l'Italie. Après avoir participé à la conception et la mise en place d'un système d'enseignement expérimental des langue et littérature françaises au Lycée Italien de Paris, j'y ai enseigné pendant 10 ans.



Ms Delphine Esnault