



Unit Objective:

To describe the planets in French in terms of their size, colour and position.

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

- Name and spell accurately some/all the planets in French on a solar map.
- Say and write extended sentences for at least one planet.
- Understand better the rules of adjectival agreement in French and apply these rules to my work improving grammatical accuracy.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from 'Phonics & Pronunciation' lessons 1, 2 & 3.
- Language introduced from Early Learning and Intermediate units.
- What an adjective is in English.
- Basic adjectival agreement rules in French from Intermediate units like 'Je me présente' and 'Les vêtements'.

Skills we will develop:

To be able to say and write with improved accuracy short phrases describing the planets in terms of their position, size and colour. Starting to pay more attention to the changes involved in adjectival agreement and applying these rules when using adjectives in different topics and with different language.

Activities we will complete:

The unit starts with the nouns for the ten planets and quickly moves to longer phrases describing the planets in terms of their colour, size and position. There are some challenging reading and listening activities based on these slightly more complex phrases. There will also be a variety of exercises in the final lessons to help understand better the rules connected to the often tricky adjectival agreement in French. Understanding the rules better will help improve accuracy when using the adjectives in the future.

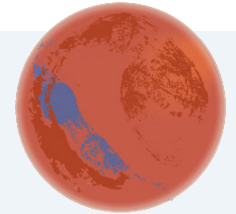
Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Adjectival agreement. Further work explaining and consolidating how adjectives can (and often do) change spelling in French depending if the noun they are describing is a singular, plural masculine or feminine noun.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: **QU Ç GNE EN AN**

- **EN** sound in **cent**re & **seu**lement
- **AN** sound in **orange** & **grand(e)**
- **Silent letters.** The 's' is not pronounced in **planètes**, and the 't' is not pronounced in **et** or **seulement**. These two consonants are often silent when seen at the ends of words in French.
- **Guttural 'R'.** Becoming more familiar with the French 'r' sound as seen in **rouge, orange, marron, crème** and **noir**. Made from the back of the mouth, not the front.



Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

Colours will be revisited briefly before learning the nouns for the 10 planets with a range of appropriate adjectives to describe the planets. All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.