

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Welcome to the Modern Foreign Languages Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

This month, Valentine's Day will be celebrated around the world. Did you know that it originated as a Christian feast day to honour a martyr named Valentine? However, it has its roots in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February to celebrate the coming of spring.

Did you know that French and Spanish are both 'Romance' languages that evolved from Latin? Also happening this month are the 'Carnaval de Nice' and 'La Chandeleur'.

READ

Explore this website all about the Carnaval de Nice which takes place from 17th February:

[Programme officiel: Carnaval de Nice](http://nicecarnaval.com) - nicecarnaval.com

WATCH

Watch this video comparing the Romance languages: French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. What similarities do you spot? How might your language studies help you learn a new language?

[Romance Languages Comparison](#) - YouTube

If you found the similarities interesting, watch this video to see how well French, Spanish and Portuguese speakers can work out Italian phrases:

[Italian Language: Can French, Spanish and Portuguese Speakers Understand It?](#) - YouTube

Italian is considered by many to be the language of love. Learn some romantic phrases here:

[How to Express Love in Italian](#) - YouTube

LISTEN

Listen to the explanation of 'La Chandeleur', a religious festival that takes place in February when people eat a lot of crêpes:

[Pourquoi mange-t-on des crêpes à la chandeleur ?](#) - YouTube

DO

Read [this article](#) about the top 10 most romantic places in Spain. Choose your favourite and plan a trip there:

- Plan your flights (use SkyScanner to find the best options)
- Look into hotels (Booking.com will help here)
- Pick somewhere nice to eat (use Tripadvisor for ideas)

Or, if La Chandeleur has piqued your interest, make some crêpes and decorate them at home. Get creative and be sure to send us a picture.

[Classic crêpes](#) - BBC Good Food