

## EXPOSITION

### CE2



Les directeurs de l'école ont organisé une exposition sur l'Union Européenne le jeudi 23 octobre. Notre classe devait travailler sur la France. On a cherché des informations sur Internet et dans des livres. Certains élèves ont cherché à la maison. On a beaucoup décoré nos affiches avec des guirlandes et des cocardes tricolores. Nous avons gagné le premier prix de la plus belle exposition primaire. Nous étions très fiers et contents !



# FRANCE

Motto: "Liberty, equality, fraternity"

**France is a Republic.**

**President: Nicolas SARKOSY**

**Prime minister: François FILLON**

**Inhabitants:** French

**Capital:** Paris

**Languages spoken:** French and other regional languages

**Climate:** Temperate

**Currency:** Euro

## NATIONAL SYMBOLS

### The French flag

The French call their flag the “*Tricolore*” because of its three colors. It was created in 1790, during the French Revolution, when citizens rebelled against the king in favor of a representative government. **Blue** and **red** are the ancient colors of the city of Paris, where the revolution began. **White** symbolizes the king.



### Marianne

Marianne, a bust sculpture showing a lady with a special hat called the “*bonnet Phrygien*”, represents the French Republic. She represents French values as found in the motto “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.” We find her face on stamps and coins and her statue in many town halls.

## TOURISM

In France, the biggest museum is called “*Le Louvre*”, and it is located in Paris. In France there are about 1,200 museums. There are 76.5 million tourists per year in France.

One of the most famous monuments is the **Eiffel Tower**, which was built in 1889.

**French fashion** and **perfume** are very famous in the world. Some names in French fashion are Coco Chanel, Christian Dior, Yves St. Laurent, Louis Vuitton, etc...

**Famous Tourist Destinations:**

The *Mont-Blanc* is located in the Alps in the region of Savoie and is the highest mountain in Europe with a height of 4807m.

The *Mont Saint-Michel* is an old city made on a small island. The Mont Saint-Michel is located in Normandy.

*Versailles* is a luxurious palace with hundreds of windows. It was built by King Louis XIV. Versailles is also famous for its beautiful well-kept gardens and fountains. It is located in Versailles city near Paris.

*Notre-Dame* is an old church built in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is located in the heart of Paris alongside the Seine river.

*Lourdes* is a pilgrimage site, located in southwestern France, where Catholics go to pray and be healed from diseases and/or illnesses.

## ECONOMY

**Agriculture:** France produces wheat, grapes, sugar beets, corn, barley, apples, sunflower seeds.

**Manufacturing:** motor vehicles, radios, television sets and pharmaceuticals, printing and publishing. **Trade:** France trades with Germany, Italy, Britain, US, Spain.

**Aircrafts:** **A380** is a big-capacity, long distance commercial plane, built in Germany, Spain, France, Great-Britain and assembled in Toulouse (France)

