



## LKS2 - French Knowledge - Spring One

### Mardi Gras



#### Mardi Gras & Carneval

- *Mardi Gras is a celebration in February.*
- *There is music, dance, colourful parades and costumes.*
- *During Mardi Gras there are lots of elaborate masks, costumes and parades.*
- *It is celebrated on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent starts (Ash Wednesday).*
- *However, the celebration is so popular in some countries that it can last for more than one day. Some even have a Mardi Gras season starting in January!*
- *Mardi Gras means 'Fat Tuesday' and Carnevale means 'no meat'*
- *Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day in England) comes from the word 'shrive' which means to do without something to gain forgiveness from God.*
- *It is illegal to ride a Mardi Gras float without a mask.*
- *The official Mardi Gras colours are purple, gold and green. (Purple signifies justice, gold means power and green stands for faith.)*