



Year 8 Italian Curriculum Map 2023-24



In Year 8, you will learn the language (vocabulary and grammar) by developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the topic areas listed below. You will also revisit the SSCs (Sound Symbol Correspondence) when practising phonics. As part of the course, your knowledge of the cultural life in Italy will give you a better understanding of how people live there.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following skills:

- **In Listening & Reading:** Understanding key classroom commands, recognising the present and perfect tenses, understanding longer passages containing opinions and justifications with both familiar and unfamiliar language from authentic sources.
- **In Speaking & Writing:** Responding to a range of questions including the present and perfect tenses, developing longer answers/sentences using connectives and time phrases and including descriptions, opinions and justifications.
- **Translation:** Translating familiar sentences and short paragraphs into both Italian and English.
- **Pronunciation:** Developing the accuracy of pronunciation and intonation.

You will explore the following **key topics**:

Clothes, hobbies, invitations (suggesting, accepting and refusing and making plans), talking about last weekend, food and meals in Italy

You will come across the following **cultural aspects** throughout the year:

- Geography and traditions of Italian regions.
- Italian food and drink
- You will also watch an Italian film

You will practise the following **grammar points** throughout the year:

- Nouns & articles
- Adjectives and adjective endings
- Present tense verbs
- Modal verbs
- Verbs in the infinitive form
- Perfect (past) tense

Use the checklist below to ensure that your answers are successful:

- ✓ 1. Use a wide range of vocabulary
- ✓ 2. Regular learning of topic specific language
- ✓ 3. Include new grammar structures in your work
- ✓ 4. Check spelling and accents
- ✓ 5. Develop and extend sentences with time expressions and connectives.
- ✓ 6. Use a dictionary to discover new vocabulary.
- ✓ 7. Use the internet to investigate Italian culture.
- ✓ 8. Structure your work clearly
- ✓ 9. Use your knowledge of language patterns
- ✓ 10. Identify and use cognates in your work
- ✓ 11. Include a variety of adjectives and adverbs
- ✓ 12. Learn and apply your knowledge of the present and perfect (past), expressing and justifying opinions.

You will be assessed in a combination of End of Unit tasks and an End of Year exam

Your teacher will assess your work in the following skills:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing