

VILLA FLAMINIA INFANTS SCHOOL

ENGLISH SYLLABUS 2017-2018

CLASSES: **2A** Teacher - Lucy Romano
 2B Teacher - Jane Gonzales
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Welcome back to second year in Villa Flaminia School and a special heartfelt welcome to all new parents and little ones.

At Villa Flaminia we feel strongly that children's English learning should be fun, play and routine based so we encourage all our students to take part in daily activities. Try to remember that they are at the initial stages of learning a second language, they are still young and somewhat shy. If you make an effort to greet us yourselves in English, your children will be more willing to do so.

Cookie and Friends A will be the guide to our classes' English learning with the help of our puppet Cookie the Cat and his two friends Lulu the Kangaroo and Denzel the Duck. The main units are as follows:

- *Greetings and numbers*
- *Colours*
- *Toys*
- *Body*
- *Clothes*
- *Pets*
- *Food*

These topics, along with others (Seasons, Festivals etc) will be taught through songs, stories, flashcards, chants and rhymes, poems and games.

There will be a circle time activity each morning at 9 o'clock (please try to be punctual), after the morning story/song/game the children will work individually or in pairs, in big or small groups. They'll share and take turns in painting and cutting and glueing and colouring. They'll prepare pictures and crafts to take home so please make a great effort to acknowledge and appreciate all of their hard work....all prepared in ENGLISH!

WHY LEARN ENGLISH THIS EARLY?

- Young children show an intuitive grasp of the language
- They are attuned to the phonological system of a new language, they enjoy copying sounds and intonation
- Early exposure to a second language also promotes acceptance of cultural diversity which is an important life skill for today's world

BILINGUAL PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- **BE REALISTIC** - We live in Rome, a non English speaking country
- **BE PATIENT** - Children will not begin speaking in English straight away
- **ENCOURAGE THEM** - They will understand English and in time will sing songs and learn rhymes
- **PARTICIPATE** - Try yourselves as parents to speak in English to us, it is the best way to encourage your children

BILINGUAL PROGRAM AIMS

- To develop basic communication skills
- To motivate learning of the English language
- To make children aware of different cultures
- To develop children's cognitive skills
- To give children a head start in English learning and a solid base for primary school