

Primary: What works well Angela Francavilla

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"Five Minute Fillers"

Here are some of my tips rearding what works well in my Italian lessons.

* **Wordwall games** are a favourite with all students and there are so many available on different topics, some are even available to support the Arcobaleno stories.

E.g **Mangia Mangia**- <https://wordwall.net/resource/5296789/mangia-mangia>

La Macchinetta Rossa -<https://wordwall.net/resource/4938535/italian/la-macchinetta-rossa>

These games can be played as an introduction at the beginning of the lesson, or at the end, or students can jump online when they have finished their work. There are a range of games and cater for different levels to suit all learners.

* **Su /Giù** - I pick a number between 1-20 /1-50, 30-100 (teachers chooses, the number range depending student's ability with their counting)

Students call out a number in Italian and I will su or giu` all depending what number I have chosen, until they guess the correct number.

* For the juniors Froundation /Gr 1 - they love it when we do chants or songs familiar to them already in English (These can used anytime throughout the lesson or as a brain break) e.g

Dov'è pollice?- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmPeJcQLjS8>

Brilla Brilla Piccola Stella -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqeDifbkW8w>

Whisky il Ragnetto-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypCn7W69H3o>

Se sei felice/contento e tu lo sei -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-RopLXUaEc>

La canzone dei colori (students all stand up and pretending they are painting the walls as each color comes up on the screen- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umTNpZLK8yA>

Amici pesciolini (a true favourite with the Preps)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDAwZJzkPVw>

ITALIAN DAY IDEAS

Organise an Italian cooking session. Make pasta, pizza, granita, crostoli etc...or better still organise a cooking demonstration if you have a willing parent/grandparent or two that will assist you on the day.

Look at famous Italians such as; Leonardo da Vinci, Enzo Ferrari, Marco Polo, Michelangelo, Valentino Rossi etc.

Make a collage using Italian icons, words, Italian foods, food labels, recipes using magazines and the internet.

Read an Italian story which exposes students to some aspects of the Italian language or culture e.g. Strega Nonna, Tony's Bread, Pinocchio, Spot series etc., then do an activity that relates to the story

Watch a DVD or Youtube Clip on Italy, its culture, a famous city or two such as Rome or Venice. OR Watch popular children's films in Italian e.g. Pinocchio.

Make Pinocchio puppets

Make a Carnevale mask

Design a mosaic tile

Read about Michelangelo find out how clever he was and then have students lie on their backs and paint something artistic, whilst their paper is stuck underneath a table

Pasta Sculptures- locate significant and famous buildings and monuments in Italy. Using pasta and PVA glue students are to design either a 2D or 3D pasta structure or sketch these monuments using charcoal pencils

Make Italian badges

Re -design the Italian flag

Organise bocce or soccer clinics

Focus on various carnevale characters or make gondolas