GO! GO! GERMAN!

It’s a big year for German lessons this year as we now have three different stages of learning. Our two Year 4 classes, who are new to German, are two of the keenest and most enthusiastic classes we have had. In the few short weeks since starting their Language Other Than English (LOTE) they have learnt greetings, introducing themselves and numbers to eleven, as well as the geographical location and details of the country. All in 5 weeks - and they are thoroughly enjoying their new skills!

Our senior students, who are now in their third and fourth year of German, are up to learning numbers 20 – 100. A tricky task as in German you say the units number before the tens number (the opposite to English). For example, 48 is read as achtundvierzig (eight and forty). Next we tackle days of the week and months of the year.

This year for Years 6 and 7, we plan to read German infant readers and then have a go at writing our own readers in German. Should be fun! We will also have our usual German crafts and celebrations with lots of new activities and fun planned.

Some of the other topics we learn in German between Years 4-7 are family members; age; ordinal numbers; school and grade; best friends; pets; animals; colours; expressions; sports; and pastimes. Our learning is done in many ways: oral (through practice and repetition); bookwork and written activity tasks; and through interactive online activities.

During the year we celebrate some of the German traditions with craft, music, dance, traditional foods and even an Oktoberfest Festival. We look at German culture past and present; the people; and traditional costume and see what everyday life in Germany looks like.

It’s certainly a challenging but fun aspect to our curriculum and one which we both enjoy as teachers. We know many of our students love their German lessons, and it is great to be part of their wonderful learning journey.

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