

## ENGLISH SYLLABUS 2025-2026

### YEAR 2

At Villa Flaminia Infant School we feel strongly that children's English learning should be fun, play and routine based so we encourage all the children to take part in our daily activities.

The English course takes a playful approach and prepares preschool children for primary school by building their confidence, instilling an enjoyment of learning and helping them discover the world around them.

When preschool children play they are completely absorbed in what they are doing. They begin to find out how to interact with classmates, follow rules and express themselves. Children learn best when their attention is fully captured, which often happens when they play. Children learn by doing, so they need to be active and involved.

Our aim is to help children, through play, to develop confidence with the English language.

### WHY LEARN ENGLISH THIS EARLY?

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

### BILINGUAL PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- 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

Remember: each child learns in a different way and at their own pace!

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