



Teaching Type: **Early Language**



Unit: **I SALUTI**



Unit Objective: To be able to greet and hold a simple and short conversation in Italian.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Say 'hello' (formally and informally) in Italian.
- Say 'my name is...' in Italian.
- Ask somebody in Italian how they are feeling and give a reply.
- Say 'goodbye' and 'see you soon' in Italian.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

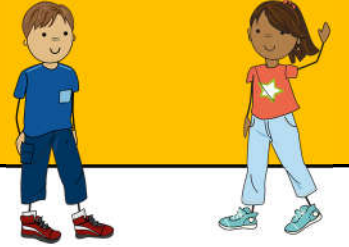
- **Vowels.** In Italian vowel sounds are short, clear-cut and not drawn out! A, I and U are always pronounced the same way. A sound as in father, I sound as in tea and U sound as in rude! E and O can change. E can sound like the E in 'pen' or the ai in 'fair' and O in 'oh' (**nome**) or an open O as in 'or' (**così**).
- **R sound.** The 'r' in Italian is always a rolled r. This is difficult but can be done with practice! It is the tip of the tongue moving very quickly against the roof of the mouth, just behind the teeth like in the words **presto** and **buongiorno**.
- **Double letters.** It is very common to find double consonants in Italian. They have a different pronunciation than single consonants and can change the meaning of the word. Double consonants are pronounced much more forcefully than single consonants as seen in as seen in **ar-rivederci**. Stronger rather than longer!

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

None in this unit as it is an introductory unit.

It will help if we already know:

- None as this is recommended as a starter unit.



Activities we will complete:

A lot of tasks to help us listen carefully. Repeating the words each lesson to ensure we can remember all the new words and language presented to us. Revising what we already know each lesson before learning new words so that we can improve our memory skills and have a simple conversation in Italian from memory, by the end of the unit.

Skills we will develop:

Learning to listen really well and repeat what we hear with improving accuracy. Working on our memory skills so that we are able to have a simple and short conversation in Italian using the words and the short phrases we have learnt.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The vocabulary required to have a short conversation/exchange when meeting somebody for the first time. This is all listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.