



Teaching Type: **Early Language**



Unit: **I COLORI E I NUMERI**

Unit Objective: To learn 10 colours and count from 1-10 in Italian.

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

- Say 10 common colours in Italian.
- Count from 1-10 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' (**cosi**).
- **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 **ros-so**, **mar-rone**, **gial-lo**, **quat-tro** and **ot-to**. Stronger rather than longer!
- **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 **rosso**, **marrone**, **grigio**, **verde** and **tre**.

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 remember 10 common colours and count from 1 to 10 in Italian.

Skills we will develop:

Learning to listen carefully and repeat what we hear with improving accuracy. Working on memory skills so we are able to remember the new words we have learnt in Italian long term.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

Ten common colours and how to count from 1 -10 in Italian. This is all listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.