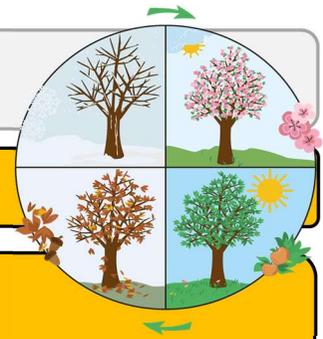




Teaching Type: **Early Language**



Unit: **LE STAGIONI**



Unit Objective: To talk about our favourite season in Italian.

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

- Name, recognise and remember all four seasons in Italian.
- Say what our favourite season is in Italian.
- Say why it is our favourite season in Italian.
- Start to recognise and use the conjunctions 'e' (and) & 'perché' (because) in our spoken and written responses.

Skills we will develop:

Learning to listen to Italian and starting to become more familiar with the different phonics/pronunciation and letter strings/phonemes. Starting to learn how to remember and recall words in a different language, including conjunctions so that we can say and write at least one short phrase on our favourite season in Italian.

Activities we will complete:

Using our knowledge of the four seasons in English to support our new learning and understanding of the seasons in Italian via many engaging visual listening and speaking tasks. Learning the nouns for the four seasons, followed by a short phrase associated to each one. Reading and written activities on both word and phrase level to support word order and simple sentence structure in Italian.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Nouns & articles/determiners. We will start to notice that in Italian there is often an article/determiner before a noun when there is not one in English. For example, spring in Italian is '**la primavera**'. Starting to notice that there are more words for 'the' in Italian than in English.

It will help if we already know:

- No previous knowledge is necessary as this is a starter unit designed to be used in the early stages of a language learning journey but it is recommended to teach '**Imparo l'Italiano**' before this unit.

Phonics & pronunciation we will hear & see:

- **GLI** sound in **gli & foglie**. It is like the '-illi' sound made in the English word 'million'.
- **Accents.** In Italian accents can change the meaning of words. È (is) and e (and).
- **Double letters.** Starting to learn that it is very common to see and hear lots of double consonants in Italian. They have a different pronunciation than single consonants and can sometimes change the meaning of the word. As seen in the way we pronounce **l'autun-no** in Italian in this unit. 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 **preferita, inverno, primavera** and **fiori**.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The nouns and determiners/articles for the four seasons in Italian. Including the language required to say which is our favourite season and why, using the connectives 'e' (and) and 'perché' (because).

