

LANGUAGES · Y3-Y6 / GRADES 2-6

German Whole-Year Scheme

For non-specialist primary teachers

How to use this scheme

The 6 topics, 6 weeks each

Standard weekly lesson structure

Time	What	Why
0-5 min	Warm-up: review last week's words; 'Welcher Tag ist heute?' on board	Recall + ritual



Time	What	Why
5-15 min	Introduce 5 new words/phrases (modelled, repeated, written)	New input
15-25 min	Game / song / partner practice using new words	Practice
25-30 min	Closer: each child says one of today's words/phrases	Reinforce + assess

Topic 1 — Greetings & introductions (Weeks 1-6)

Topic 2 — Numbers, colours & shapes (Weeks 7-12)

Topic 3 — Family & home (Weeks 13-18)



Topic 4 — Food & drink (Weeks 19-24)

Topic 5 — Animals & weather (Weeks 25-30)

Topic 6 — Sports & free time (Weeks 31-36)

What you (the non-specialist) need

- Google Translate (free, has audio) for pronunciation
- Coloured paper / card for flashcards
- Speaker to play recorded audio (YouTube has German children's songs — search 'Kinderlieder')
- Permission to be wrong — children find mispronunciations funny



■ Permission to skip weeks when timetable gets squeezed

■ A children's German dictionary for emergencies

■ Awareness: nouns ALWAYS capitalised in German. Don't correct this as a 'mistake' — it's the rule.

Why German is harder than Spanish (and easier than French)

