Overview

In the Boondall 2015 German online classroom* in the Learning Place, many resources to suit each year level and topic, including “Language Perfect” “Language Nut” and “Languages Online” are available so that students have access to vocabulary to move between year levels. The tracking software allows students to work at their own pace of second language learning. Then, through discussion, interviews and written feedback, students are directed to their next steps in learning e.g. revision, extension or more support. Most of the student’s work is saved either for peer support and feedback.

* Students each have an individual logon /password and can access the online classroom from both home and school

Year 3

Introduction to basic German greetings and Germany

Using Languages Online and oral revision, students record basic greetings on audacity and compare themselves to native speakers.

Students are given examples from Year 6 work and title pages regarding various features and landmarks about Germany and we contribute as a class on the Yr 6 blog with our comments and observations.

Assessment: No formal assessment

Year 4

Body Parts

Students start with songs about body parts. Then move onto a unit on Language Nut called Beastly body parts. We revise numbers and colours from Year 3 and start drafting our monster description as well as creating a visual (according to student’s ICT capabilities) to accompany the descriptive passage.

Assessment: Writing a description of a monster in German.

Year 5

Adjectives

Language Perfect has a set list of adjectives which can be modified for each student. These are learnt online, then examples in the Language Nut individual tests are given to serve as examples as to how much descriptive language can be used whilst describing various animals and people.

Assessment: Use descriptive German language to describe various people and animals. An accompanying picture and story saved into their folder so that they may utilise in later units.

Year 6

Time, Days, Months & Seasons

Language Perfect has set class and homework tasks to form the basis of vocabulary. Then previous words, eg numbers and adjectives, are revised along with ordinal numbers to provide the scaffolding for a Photostory, which captures a day in the life of a person or animal. Students can access sound files to ensure pronunciation is available when they record in German.

Assessment: Producing a Photostory: one year in the life of a person.

PREP, Years 1 and 2

As beginning students of LOTE this year, all students will start with similar basic language programmes that are age appropriate. A lot of the work will be through song, simple stories, and role play in German, using resources such as “Muzzy” and Pim. As student’s abilities develop throughout the year, they will progress at their respective rates of success, which many of the German programmes cater for.

Assessment: No formal assessment.