



Year 7 German Curriculum Overview

Rationale for year group & skills: German students will undertake 3 lessons per fortnight. They will study the topics of introducing themselves, family and pets and free-time. We aim to make language learning a positive and rewarding experience and aim to support our students in gaining a greater knowledge and understanding of different cultures and customs in German-speaking countries. We hope to equip them with the language skills required to enable them to communicate effectively. In Year 7, students will develop their confidence as well as their communication and teamwork skills, as they will regularly work in pairs or small groups.

TERM	Knowledge and skills	Assessment/Teacher Feedback Opportunities	Homework and Literacy resources
Autumn Term	<p>Topic 1: Me and my world</p> <p>Knowledge Our students will cover the following In their knowledge development: Introducing yourself Learning how to pronounce German words Counting to 19 Using the verb <i>sein</i> (to be) Using the German alphabet Using the verb <i>wohnen</i> to say where you live Describing your character Using <i>mein(e)</i> and <i>dein(e)</i> Asking and answering questions about your belongings Using the verb <i>haben</i> + the indefinite article</p> <p>Skills</p>	<p>Skills for Assessment Speaking and Reading</p> <p>Assessment Speaking – The speaking assessment will consist of two parts. The first will involve students reading aloud some sentences in German. This will be followed up by a short conversation where students will be expected to answer in full sentences with accurate pronunciation. They will also be required to ask the teacher a question in German.</p>	<p>Homework hours: 30 minutes per week</p> <p>Homework set from homework booklet or vocabulary: words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons.</p> <p>Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.</p> <p>How to revise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Look, cover, write / say aloud, check method. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers. Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / German on the back.

	<p>Our students will learn: The definite (<i>der, die, das</i>) and indefinite (<i>ein, eine, ein</i>) article (nominative singular) The verb <i>sein</i> (simple present, singular) Using key words to help pronunciation Asking someone's age The verb <i>wohnen</i> (simple present, singular) The indefinite article (<i>mein, dein</i>) Introduction to the accusative Singular paradigm of <i>haben</i></p> <p>Wider experiences Meeting a German person and pronouncing different names and using phonics. Main cultural points in Germany. Ages of German celebrities and famous people past and present Spelling names of German/Austrian towns and cities and famous German people past and present Discussing favourite months and discussing the weather during different seasons in Germany Football teams in Germany Famous people in Germany Famous German cars German hobbies and daily life Typical German</p>	<p>Reading – Our students will need to demonstrate understanding of main points and opinions with reasons in short written texts using a range of vocabulary that they have met over the course of the Autumn term. The texts may include some complex sentences with linked or sub-clauses, and common verbs in the present tense.</p>	<p>Optional – Year 7 enrichment opportunities : Use www.german-games.net - complete the numbers lessons and then play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize tasks: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrdvy9q/articles/zjdrnd https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk7rgwx/articles/zh6jrj6</p>
Spring Term	<p>Topic 2: My family and pets</p> <p>Knowledge</p>	<p>Skills for Assessment Listening and Writing Assessment</p>	<p>Homework hours: 30 minutes per week</p>

	<p>Our students will cover the following In their knowledge development: Talking about pets Using pronouns Talking about ‘superpets’ Using <i>kann</i> + infinitive Talking about family members and age More practice of present tense verbs Describing family members Using adjectives with nouns Talking about birthdays Using ordinal numbers (first, twentieth, and so on) Developing speaking skills Practising asking and answering questions</p> <p>Skills Our students will learn: Plural of nouns Pronouns More about <i>können</i> The regular verb <i>wohnen</i> Ways of saying ‘you’ Adjectival agreement Full paradigm of irregular verb <i>haben</i> Ordinal numbers (saying when someone’s birthday is) Question words</p> <p>Wider experiences Animals from Germany and dogs from Germany Rottweil –town in Germany</p>	<p>Listening – Our students will need to demonstrate understanding of main points, opinions and some details in short passages which include reference to either the present or the future. They will transcribe short phrases.</p> <p>Writing – Our students will need to write short texts for different purposes using mainly memorised language, referring to the present or the future, express opinions and give simple reasons. They will translate simple sentences containing familiar words and structures into the target language. Generally accurate in using straightforward language and meaning is clear, but there may be errors with verbs.</p>	<p>Homework set from homework booklet or vocabulary: words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons.</p> <p>Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.</p> <p>How to revise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Look, cover, write / say aloud, check method. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers. Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / German on the back. <p>Optional – Year 7 enrichment opportunities : Use www.german-games.net - complete the family section and food lessons and then play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize tasks:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk7rgwx/articles/znh747h</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm3m47h/articles/zbbn7nb</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk7rgwx/articles/zjwcscw</p>
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	<p>Frankfurt and Wien Typical German foods German speaking places and countries Colours of different foods in Germany '<i>Blaukraut</i>' Tongue twisters</p>		
Summer	<p>Topic 3: My free-time</p> <p>Knowledge Talking about which sports you play Using <i>gern</i> with the verb <i>spielen</i> Talking about leisure activities Giving your opinion Talking about how often you do activities Using correct word order Talking about mobiles and computers Talking about the future using the present tense Developing prediction strategies Understanding longer listening texts</p> <p>Skills Our students will learn: Full paradigm of <i>spielen</i> Using <i>gern/nicht gern</i> More on using <i>gern</i> Irregular verbs <i>fahren, lesen, sehen</i> Word order after time expressions The <i>wir</i> and <i>Sie/sie</i> forms Talking about the future using the present tense + future time phrase</p>	<p>Skills for Assessment All four skills – Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.</p> <p>Assessment</p> <p>The listening tasks test the understanding of single lexical items, of familiar statements, short extracts and the understanding of main points and details of a longer extract in the context of the free-time topic.</p> <p>The speaking tasks test giving more detailed answers, including opinions and reasons, adjectives and connectives. Time phrases will be added and references to past and present tense will be included.</p> <p>The reading tasks test the understanding of single words, of familiar vocabulary, short extracts and the understanding of main</p>	<p>Homework hours: 30 minutes per week</p> <p>Homework set from homework booklet or vocabulary: words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons.</p> <p>Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.</p> <p>How to revise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Look, cover, write / say aloud , check method. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers. Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / German on the back. <p>Optional – Y7 Enrichment opportunities: Use www.german-games.net - complete the free time topic lessons and then play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing.</p>

	<p>Wider experiences</p> <p>Sport in Germany and the popular sport of handball</p> <p>Families in Germany</p> <p>Popular German rock bands – <i>Tokio Hotel</i> and <i>Silbermond</i> and other up to date bands to watch and listen to</p> <p>Social media in Germany</p> <p>Meeting German people</p>	<p>points and details of a longer extract in the context of the free-time topic.</p> <p>The writing tasks test the accuracy of short sentences, a short written text, using interesting vocabulary and adjectives, opinions and reasons, connectives and time phrases and a more detailed piece, using both present and past tenses.</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize tasks:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk7rgwx/articles/z4cyxyc</p>
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