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KIDS *HEADSTART* COURSES SEPT 2022 - JUNE 2023

7-8 SPANISH STARTER

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	to be confirmed
autumn	
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

7-8 FRENCH STARTER

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	to be confirmed
autumn	
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

7-8 GERMAN STARTER

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	to be confirmed
autumn	
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

9-10 SPANISH JUNIOR

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

9-10 FRENCH JUNIOR

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
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spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

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cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

11-12 SPANISH JUNIOR

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

11-12 FRENCH JUNIOR

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

11-12 GERMAN JUNIOR

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

1ST YEAR SPANISH

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

1ST YEAR FRENCH

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
time	sat 9.30 – 10.30
autumn	15 oct – 17 dec 2022
winter	7 jan – 18 mar 2023
spring	22 apr – 24 jun 2023

1ST YEAR GERMAN

cost	**€150 per 10 weeks**
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SEPTEMBER 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

no classes

10-week autumn term

NOVEMBER 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

DECEMBER 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

no classes

JANUARY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

no classes

10-week winter term

MARCH 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Erasmus visits

no classes

MAY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

JUNE 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

10-week spring term

no classes

JULY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

AUGUST 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	2	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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summer courses for teens

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Our goals

- To foster a life-long interest in other languages in our children
- To ensure our children enjoy the experience of learning to express themselves in another language so they will be confident about learning any language in the future.
- To inspire our children to be curious about people who speak other languages and to be interested in communicating with them.

Our belief

- Children find it much easier to internalize a second or third language than teenagers or adults.
- The earlier your child starts, the better their pronunciation will be.
- Children with a head start in a second language grow up to be very employable bilingual adults, who are often better at problem-solving, prioritising and multitasking.
- 1 in 28 primary school children in Ireland learns a foreign language compared to 1 in 2 in Europe – we think we need to catch up!

Our courses

- All **HEADSTART** courses are 30 hours over 30 weeks of the academic year.
- We have five levels for primary school children: **Starter**, **Junior 1**, **Junior 2** at **A1 Elementary** level and **Junior 3** and **Junior 4** at **A2 Pre-intermediate** level. Please see our kids, teens and adults course progression table for A1 and A2 levels below.

KIDS	TEENS	ADULTS	WHICH LEVEL SHOULD I DO?	LEVELS	EXAMS
Starter		A1.1 Elementary	You can do this level if you are starting from the beginning	**A1** Your level is **basic**	**DELE A1** **DELF A1** **Goethe Zertifikat A1**
Junior 1	1st Year	A1.2 Elementary	You can do this level after **30 hours** of language learning		
Junior 2		A1 Refresher	You can do this level after **60 hours** of language learning		
Junior 3	2nd Year	A2.1 Pre-Intermediate	You can do this level after **90 hours** of language learning	**A2** Your level is **ok**	**DELE A2** **DELF A1** **Goethe Zertifikat A2** **KET** **IELTS: 3-3.5**
Junior 4	Junior Certificate	A2.2 Pre-Intermediate	You can do this level after **120 hours** of language learning		
		A2 Refresher	You can do this level after **150 hours** of language learning		

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- There are maximum 10 children per class to optimize attention from the class teacher.
- Your child can join a **HEADSTART** course once it is underway if there are places available. If your child has no prior knowledge of the language they want to learn, it is best to join at the start of the academic year in September.
- We give you a **course content programme** detailing what your child will learn to do in their Spanish, French or German course so that you can follow their language learning.
- There are no books to buy - all **materials are included** in the cost of the course.
- We give your child a class handout with the key vocabulary for their lessons. These class handouts contain links to **extra activities and songs** for your child to practise at home.
- Younger children enjoy learning the target language through **drama, music and dance** and participate in a **multi-lingual show** for their parents at the end of their course – they need opportunities to show-off what they have learned to stay motivated!

Our teachers

- Our teachers are **language teachers** of young learners from Spain, France, Germany and Ireland.
- Our teachers are garda-vetted.

Our communciation with parents

- We need a number and email from parents/guardians to contact you if your child is unwell and to send you the class handout by email if your child cannot attend a class.
- Meetings with your child's language teacher are before or after class by appointment.

Our payment options

- You can pay by Square, bank transfer, cheque, card or cash before the first day of classes of each term. Please put cash in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Please make all cheques out to The Language Place.
- We are really sorry but because our class sizes are small and we need to cover costs, we cannot give refunds or credit notes due to short illness, holidays or other absences.
- In the case of prolonged absences, **The Language Place** will offer a credit note for another course.

Our COVID-19 policy

- Our classrooms are large and well-ventilated. Chairs and tables are regularly sanitised.
- In line with current government guidelines, children and teachers do not have to wear masks.
- Your child shouldn't attend class with symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious illnesses (a temperature, vomitting or diarrhoea).
- In the event of COVID-19 restrictions being reimposed to protect public health, **Junior** classes for 11/12 year olds will be offered **live online**. Parents can request a credit note if preferred. **Starter** classes for 7/8 year-olds and **Junior** classes for 9/10 year-olds will not be offered online and parents can request a credit note or a refund if a course must be suspended.

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