

Course	Code	Academic year
CREATIVE USE OF TEACHING RESOURCES IN THE PRIMARY CLASSROOM	141239	2023/2024
Degree	Year	Semester
PRIMARY EDUCATION	3	2
Course type	ECTS credits	Language
ELECTIVE	6	ENGLISH
Lecturer(s)		
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Description

The use of linguistic productions is an appropriate strategy for learning a foreign language, between the ages of 6 to 12 years. This should be adapted and applied to suit their development level. It can be introduced in a playful manner and in some cases by rote learning. This approach will allow the transmission and consolidation of knowledge. These resources will often come as an already designed package and the students will have the opportunity to take advantage of them. Nevertheless, on other occasions the trainee teacher must be creator of different didactic resources. In this regard future teachers find it useful to use popular, literary and audio-visual resources. As the whole process of education is undergoing major development changes, new technical guidance relating to the above should be used. There is no doubt that at primary level; a teacher of foreign languages must be prepared to use creatively, songs, rhymes, games, and everyday situations in the classroom together with other resources while teaching English. Additionally, use should be made of audio-visual media and software. Pupils should be properly trained to use, in a responsible manner, ICT's. The teacher should aim to introduce students to new knowledge in a manner which creates interest. It is essential that the teacher is creative in using the different teaching resources.

Requirements

Good command of the English language at B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Competences

At the end of the course the students should achieve the following competences:

SPECIFIC COMPETENCES

S-S.C2. Developing projects, tasks and activities, after personal previous reflection and/or in collaboration with fellow students, adapting the outcomes of such actions to the application of the different teaching resources that are often used in the English classroom, with the aim of contributing to the learning and the acquisition of the competences in the area of primary English teaching.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Formulates goals and creates a plan of action that will help to reach them.
- Boosts knowledge by reading and critically commenting on texts and materials to orientate the teaching process.
- Participates and organizes group tasks and assignments, boosting the interactions required for shared learning, making use of the communicative skills needed for this.
- Applies information and communication technologies with an educational approach, taking advantage of their potential to help learning and the acquisition of the foreign language at primary level.

S-S.C5. Communicating clearly both orally and in writing at the appropriate required level of language in different linguistic situations to achieve a creative and effective use of English with Primary students.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Uses ICTs properly for effective and efficient communication.
- Produces and interacts orally and in writing at level B2 conveying relevant information

S-S.C7. Participating actively both with the teacher and with classmates, to achieve success, and in doing so, applying the educational resources made available for researching, data interpretation, and communication of ideas. Students should also create procedures to promote information and continuous training with regard to the area of foreign language teaching.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Uses ICTs properly to research, interpret and communicate information, solve problems and create continuous training and exchange networks that concern one's own teaching field and professional practice.
- Communicates in English using different teaching aids and resources
- Collaborates in organizing group and pair work tasks and in creating procedures to teach English at primary Level.

GENERIC COMPETENCE

G.C.5 ORAL COMMUNICATION: Expressing clearly and opportunely one's ideas, knowledge and feelings in speech, adapting to the audience and situation to ensure good comprehension and attention.

G.C.5.2. Speaking before groups with ease; conveying conviction and assurance, and adapting discourse to suit formal requirements.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Delivers interesting convincing talks.
- Voluntarily gives opportune talks in public.
- Matches speech and body language.
- His/her talks are duly prepared.
- Helps audience to follow ideas through visual aids.
- Responds to questions easily well.



Sustainable Development Goals and Laudato si' Goals



SDG4 – Quality Education. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

1.2.4 Learning objectives for SDG4 “Quality Education”. Socio-emotional learning objectives.

1.2.4.4 Socio-emotional learning objective

The learner is able to recognize the importance of their own skills for improving their life, in particular for improvement and entrepreneurship.



LSG6 nº 231 (adapted)-Try to instil in future educators the experience that "love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity, which affects not only relationships between individuals, but also "macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones..." Since "social love is the key to an authentic development: In order to make society more human, more worthy of the human person." Within this framework, we make our students be aware of the importance of their work with their students.

Contents

MODULE 1. English as a foreign language at primary level. The organization of the English class. The foreign language as an instrument of communication in the English classroom. Classroom English. Teaching methods.

MODULE 2. The computer as an auxiliary resource for teaching and learning English. Introducing Edmodo and Classroom collaborative platforms. Using the Internet and social media for professional development. Web materials students can use in primary classroom. Using digital stories, songs, videos and different resources in the primary classroom.

MODULE 3. Selection and use of teaching aids. Introduction to Storytelling, games, drama, songs, audio- visual and visual aids.

MODULE 4. Materials to orientate the teaching process: textbooks, dictionaries, magazines... the teacher as a resource. Exploring different types of authentic materials.

Teaching and learning strategies

In order to achieve the degree of competence required for the above the following teaching and learning strategies should be used.

- Teaching-learning strategies for 2nd Module:

Needs analysis of previous knowledge and plenary sessions during 30 minutes of class.
Lecturer's explanations of different ICT possibilities for using in class with primary children.
Analyzing, exploring and creating materials relevant to teacher training primary students.
Planning and working on individual and pair work tasks on the computer and IWB.

- Teaching-learning strategies for 1st, 3rd and 4th Modules

Lecturer's presentation and explanations of the teaching aids and resources for using in class with primary children.

The carrying out of individual and group tasks relating to the different three modules both in and outside the classroom.

Re-elaborating by group and personal reflection following lectures, class discussion, and activities.

Giving group oral presentations in front of the class relating to the topics covered throughout the term.

The preparation of class tests relating to the aspects of teaching covered in the classroom.

Preparing individual written assignments

The time to be spent on the subject during the semester will be distributed as follows:

Time inside the classroom: 56 hours

- Lectures: 11 hours.
- Practical activities (class discussions, individual and group tasks, oral presentations) 30, 5 hours.
- Exam (tests) 4.5 hours
- Feedback and assessment 10 hours

Time outside the classroom: 94hours

- Guided reading of teaching foreign language articles. 12 hours
- Preparation of the workshops: 31 hours
- Personal study for the two tests: 4 hours
- Feedback and evaluation 17 hours
- Practice activities 27 hours
- Tutorials 3 hours

Assessment

- The teacher will assess students' performance by reflecting on the standards reached in homework, class activities, and tests. Students will also evaluate their own work and that of their peers.
 - Module 1 & 4
20%
 - Module 2 & 3
64%
 - Test 1,2
16%
 - SC2 30% SC5 25% SC7 30% GC5 15%
- All evaluation items must be passed in order to pass this course.
- All the evaluation items must be handed in before the due date.

- The work presented will in every occasion follow the academic conventions for the type of piece involved.
- Presentation and linguistic accuracy will be taken into account, and no sub-standard piece of work will be admitted, and therefore, marked.
- Plagiarism of part or the whole of a piece of work leads to automatic failing of the course with a 0 result on the official academic records.
- The lecturer may ask for an oral presentation of defence of any of the assessment pieces of the course.
- IN the event of the student not passing the course, s/he has the right to resit, where s/he will just have to repeat or submit the assessment pieces related to the failed competences.
- The marks throughout the semester will be taken into account for the extraordinary test in June of the same academic year.
- Students who are unable to attend class must tell the lecturer. Attendance is compulsory.

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- Course syllabus
- Study guide

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<http://www.gameskidsplay.ca>
<http://www.kidsclick.org>
<http://www.planetnemo.com/404.htm>
<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk>
<http://www.rhymes.org.uk>
<http://www.teachingheart.net>
<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk>