

ISTITUTO COMPRENSIVO ATRI

ATRI COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTE



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Our school is situated in Atri, a lively town in Central Italy, in the Abruzzo region.

Where is Italy?

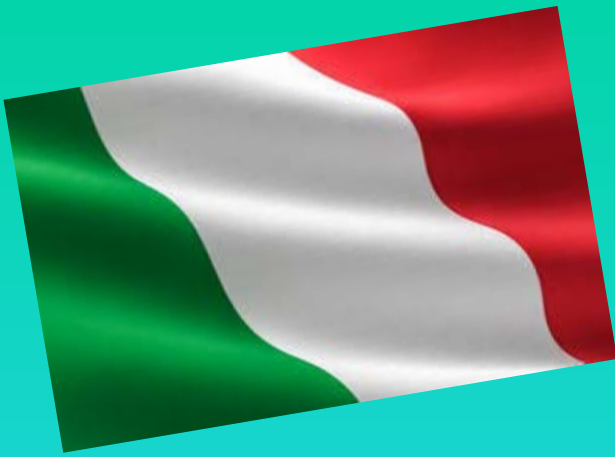
Italy lies in Southern Europe.

It is easy to recognize on any world map, as the country is shaped like a high-heeled boot, as you can see on the map above.



It looks like the boot is kicking a ball, which is the island of Sicily, don't you think so? Not for nothing soccer is our national sport!!!





Here are some interesting facts about Italy

Population: 61.6 million people live in Italy

Capital: Rome, which is often called 'Eternal City'. It is Italy's biggest city.

Name: Repubblica Italiana (Italian Republic) or simply: Italia, Nickname: 'Bel Paese' which means beautiful country.

Government: Democracy, Republic.

Language: Italian. German, French and Ladin in some regions in Northern Italy.

Religion: mainly Christians (Roman Catholics 90%)

Currency: 1 Euro=100 cents, before 2001 Italian Lira

History: The country has a long history. Rome, its capital city today, was founded in 753 BC. After the Roman Empire broke down in 395AD, there were many separate kingdoms and city states. However, Italy became one nation only in 1861 and since then includes the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. It became a Republic in 1948. Italy is founding member of the European Union (EU) and the NATO.

Flag: The colours represent these virtues: **hope** (green), **faith** (white), and **charity** (red).

Italian wonders



Colosseum in Rome



Leaning Tower of Pisa



Grand Canal and the Rialto Bridge in Venice

Italian wonders



Arena of Verona



Pompeii Ruins near Naples



St Peter's Cathedral in Rome



Milan Cathedral

Our Town



The Cathedral



Town View



The Town Hall

Atri is a very beautiful ancient town in the heart of the Abruzzo Region.

Situated 450 meters above sea level, with a population of 11,500 inhabitants, this lively heritage site is home to fascinating historic places, colourful events, suggestive landscapes and corners.

Atri, Hatria in origin, is one of the oldest towns in Abruzzo. Its ancient origins go back to the VII-V century BC. The funeral site found nearby, dates back to the VII century BC and testifies the presence of the Picenes, an Italic tribe, in this area. Later it became an Important Roman colony. During the Middle Ages it was subject to Barbarian Invasions and foreign powers to rise back under the dominion of the Lords of Acquaviva in the XV century. This powerful local family began to coin their own money here and ruled since the eighteenth century. After the death of the last duchess the territory was annexed by the Kingdom of Naples. This resulted in another period of stability which ended with the establishment of the United Italian State in 1861.



Ancient local Coin



The Canale Fountain

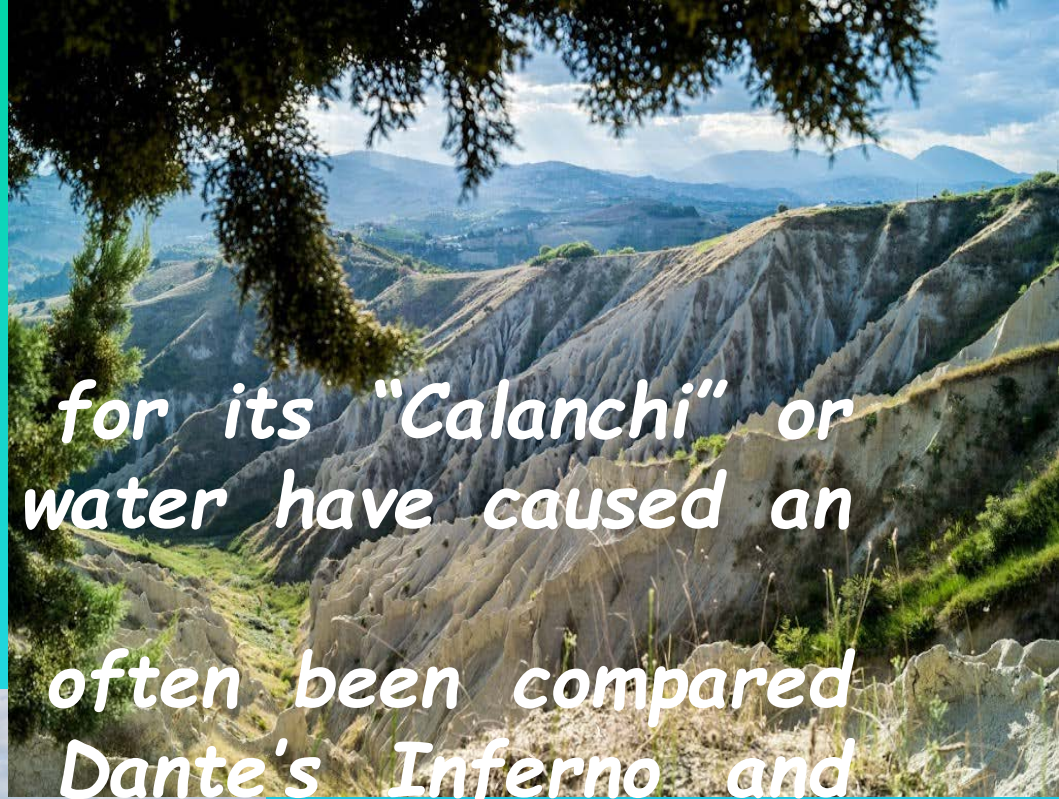


The Cloister

Atri is also known for its "Calanchi" or ravines. Wind and water have caused an erosion.

The landscape has often been compared to the circles of Dante's Inferno and evokes a suggestive lunar atmosphere.

In 1995 the ravines have constituted a Nature Reserve, run by the Abruzzo regional section of WWF Italia.



***The Headteacher of the Atri Comprehensive Institute is
Prof. Achille Volpini***



ENGLISH SHOW AT THE TOWN THEATRE

ENGLISH IS OUR PASSION!!!



OUR ENGLISH TEACHERS



The school office and the staff



The Director of General and Administrative Services supervises the administrative and general services of the school and co-ordinates the relevant staff.



SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

- The Teachers' Council: composed of all the teachers of the School. It formulates the educational offer plan.
- The School Council: composed of 8 teachers, 8 parents, 2 caretakers, the Headteacher. The Chairman is elected from among parent representatives. They make decisions on the organisation of school activities, with due observance of the functions of the Teachers' Council. They provide the latter with the general frame for drawing up the School's Educational Offer Plan (PTOF) and approve the PTOF itself.
- The Executive Board: it prepares the work of the School Council and implements the resolutions.

School facilities and rooms

The library



The headoffice



The Meeting room



The science lab



Language lab



IT room



Our Institute comprises:

- ✓ **Infant**
- ✓ **Primary**
- ✓ **Lower Secondary Schools**





There are 4 Infant schools complexes:

- INFANT SCHOOL CASOLI (31 pupils)
- INFANT SCHOOL FONTANELLE (25 pupils)
- INFANT SCHOOL AMALTEA (88 pupils)
- INFANT SCHOOL V.LE RISORGIMENTO (70 pupils)

Italian children attend Infant School from
the age of 3 to 6



Infant school (not compulsory) pupils aged 3-6

promotes:

- The development of identity
- The development of autonomy
- The development of competence
- The first experience of citizenship



Infant school day

School timetable: 8.00/9.30 entrance and play time
9.30 breakfast
10.00/11.00 calendar and routine activities
11.00/12.15 laboratory activities
(small groups)
12.30/13.30 lunch time
13.30/14.30 play time
14.30/15.30 learning (small or big group)
15.30/16.00 home time

We have 5 areas of learning in the infant school:

- Personal and social development
- Physical development
- Creative development
- Language literacy and communication skills
- Knowledge and understanding the world
(numeracy and space)

Infant school laboratories and corners:

- stimulate the relationship between teachers and children,
- increase interaction among children and enable a better and wider use of rooms, spaces and materials,
- promote learning through action, exploration, contact with objects, nature, art, territory, in a playful dimension, as a typical form of relationship and knowledge.



Primary school pupils aged 6-11

There are 3 primary school complexes:

PRIMARY SCHOOL ATRI (272 pupils)

PRIMARY SCHOOL CASOLI (75 pupils)

PRIMARY SCHOOL FONTANELLE (32 pupils)



PRIMARY SCHOOL 6-11

provide pupils with basic learning and the basic tools of active citizenship. It helps pupils to understand the meaning of their own experiences.

Core subjects

-ITALIAN

-HISTORY and
GEOGRAPHY

-MATHS and SCIENCE

-ENGLISH

-MUSIC

-ART

-P.E.

-RELIGION

-TECHNOLOGY

-CITIZENSHIP and CONSTITUTION



Primary School Education

The school year is subdivided into 2 terms:

- 1st term from September to January: 1st term has a mid-term evaluation based on numerical marks established by the School Board.
- 2nd term from February to June: 2nd term ends with the final evaluation.

Weekly timetable

Lessons are from Monday to Friday from 8:15 to 13:15.

Afternoon classes: once a week on Thursday from 13:45 to 15:45. Pupils have a packed lunch.

Lower Secondary School Students aged 11-14



There are:

✓ 2 school complexes in Atri and in Casoli

✓ over **268** students.

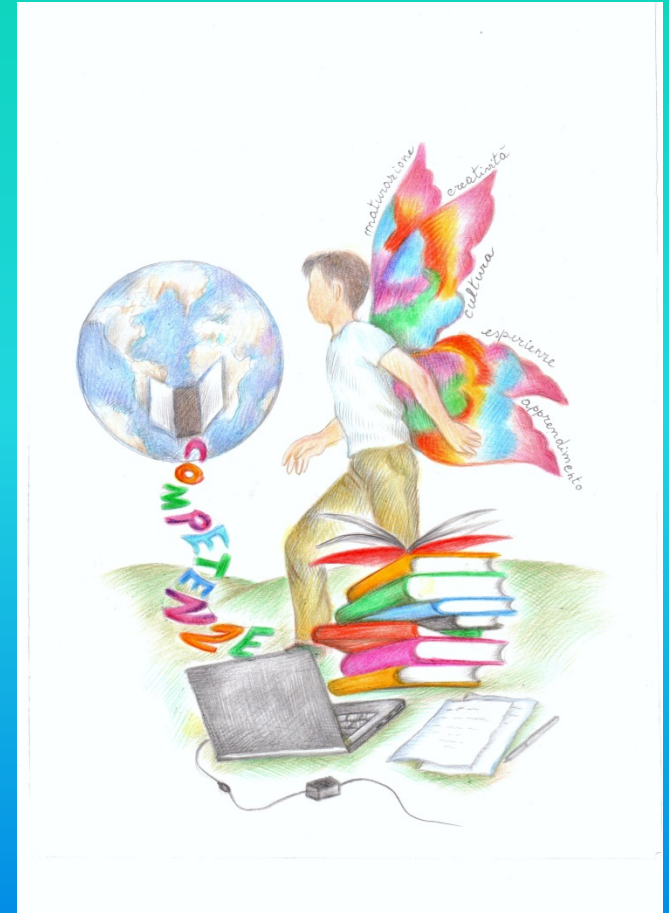
✓ 3 grades and 14 classes



Aims of Lower Secondary School

The road to independence

- ✓ Lower Secondary School provides specific education for different school subjects.
- ✓ Becoming an independent learner is the key object of Lower Secondary School
- ✓ An interdisciplinary curriculum challenges critical thinking skills
- ✓ Students learn how to identify connections between ideas and how one area of study can inform and influence another



Lower secondary school core subjects

English

Music

French

P.E.

Maths

Art

Science

Geography

History

Italian

P.S.H.E.

Technology

Religion



LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Weekly timetable:

30 hours per week, from 8.00 to 14.00,
from Monday to Friday.

Our School has a special music programme. There are vocational instrumental music classes in the afternoon with individual and group activities.

Students have an opportunity to learn to play different instruments: the violin, the guitar, the flute and the piano.

There is also a School Orchestra, which has won prizes in different contests and competitions.

The school orchestra during a Christmas concert



School activities



In addition to the curricular lessons students of all grades take part in different activities with experts, associations, local authorities.

IN THE MORNING

- Active Citizenship Project
- Erasmus Plus Project
- Reading Project
- Volleyball, tennis and swimming
- Computer studies
- Music project at Infant and Primary School
- English project at Infant School
- Local Art and History Courses
- E-Twinning
- Science Labs
- Cookery



IN THE AFTERNOON

- Drama and music after school clubs
- Extra-lessons in different subjects
- Preparation courses for Trinity Examination GESE
- Preparation courses for Eipass (European Informatics Passport)
- Summer camps



SCHOOL SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND THE LOCAL TERRITORY

- School at home, for ill children.
- Counseling for parents, students and teachers.
- Pre-school activities.



Hospital School:

The school is operated in the local hospital and helps children regain academic progress during periods of hospitalization or rehabilitation.



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This is a project about our school, our town, our country. We hope you have enjoyed it.

CIAO!

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Cześć!

Merhaba!

Alo!

ITALY IS WAITING FOR YOU!!!