

Wir feiern ! (Celebrations)

1. Happy Birthday!

Prior Knowledge: It is helpful if children can say how old they are.

Objectives

Listen attentively to simple spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding

Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhyme and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words

Support

Provide less confident children with a picture flashcard of their birthday month so that they can hold this up when their month is called.

Extension

Give children word cards or a list of the months of the year in the wrong order and ask them to work in pairs to order the cards/ rewrite the list.

Main

Practise numbers 1 - 12 using activities from Units 1 and 2.

Revise the question *Wie alt bist du?* to elicit the reply *sieben* or *acht*. Remind the children of the sentence *Ich bin sieben Jahre alt* and children chorus the reply. Ask individual children. Repeat with *Ich bin acht Jahre alt*.

Ask class who has a birthday in the current month. Teach the phrase *Zum Geburtstag viel Glück* and sing it to the tune of Happy Birthday to those class members. Compare this version with the English version – what differences do the children notice?

ICT Opportunities: Show a video clip or still image of birthday celebrations. Use the internet to share with children birthday celebrations from around the world. Birthday websites can be found using an internet search engine

Introduce the months of the year with picture flashcards plus a song, rhyme, or video clip. Ask the children to listen carefully again to the months of the year and to put their hand up when they hear a month with the sound *j*. Revise *J* sound in *Januar, Juni, Juli, Jahre*. Ask children what is different about the *J* sound in English and in German. Model the mouth shape for saying *J* and invite children to practise in pairs and with mirrors if possible. Practise the pronunciation of the months *Januar, Juni, Juli*.

Say the months of the year again and group children into birthday months. Each birthday group practises saying their month by chanting it softly. Use the instructions *langsamer / schneller / lauter / ruhiger* to 'conduct' children, using gesture to support understanding. Invite a child to 'conduct' the class using these instructions.

Children return to their seats. Call out the months of the year in random order. When children hear their month, they stand up.

Finish the session by singing *Zum Geburtstag viel Glück*.

Grammar

For teachers:

Masculine / feminine agreements – in the third line of the song, *lieber* (m) is used for 'Dear' if you are addressing a boy, whereas *liebe* (f)

Grammar:

For children:

As nouns, months of the year have a capital letter in German, just as they do in English.

Phonics focus

For teachers:

z – *zum, März, Dezember*
ü – *Glück*
ä – *März*

Phonics focus

For children:

J – *Januar, Juni, Juli, Jahre*

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<p>is used for a girl.</p> <p>Comparatives - when instructing the children to chant their birthday month in different ways, simply add <i>er</i> to the end of the adjective in German to form the comparative adverb (<i>langsam – langsamer, schnell – schneller, laut – lauter, ruhig – ruhiger</i>).</p>		<p>au – August, laut</p> <p>v – viel, November</p> <p>w - wie</p> <p>ai - Mai</p> <p>ie – viel, wie, liebe(r)</p> <p>ch - ich</p> <p>h – ruhig – when placed in the middle of a word after a vowel, the <i>h</i> is silent.</p> <p>NB: When you have any of the following two vowels together - <i>ai</i>, <i>ie</i> or <i>ei</i> - pronounce the second of the two vowels. So with <i>ie</i> the e is pronounced, and with <i>ei</i> / <i>ai</i> the i is pronounced.</p>	
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<u>Learning Outcomes</u> Children can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • join in with a simple song • recognise their birthday month when they hear it • chorus, in groups, their birthday month • understand that there may be different ways of writing a particular sound in German, just as in English. 		<u>New National Curriculum Links</u> No specific links	
<u>Throughout the week:</u> Take the register with children saying their birthday month or a <i>J</i> word instead of their name. Add <i>Januar, Juni and Juli</i> to the <i>J</i> page of the sound bank. Some children or parents might like to sing the birthday song in other languages spoken by children in the class.		<u>Resources</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture flashcards for months of the year • Song, rhyme or video clip for months of the year • Mirrors • Computer • Internet 	
<u>Teaching Tips</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are not expected to memorise all the months of the year at this stage. • Some children may find it easier to associate the German word for a month with an action which represents that month (eg: swimming for August) 			
<i>Wortschatz für Lehrer</i>	Teacher Language	<i>Wortschatz für Schüler</i>	Children's Language
<i>Wir wiederholen die Zahlen 1 bis 10</i> <i>Wir singen</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>Singt!</i> <i>Hört zu !</i> <i>Wiederholt !</i> <i>Steht auf!</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag lieber / liebe (+ name)</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>langsamer / schneller</i> <i>lauter / ruhiger</i>	We are going to revise numbers 1 – 12 We are going to sing Happy Birthday Sing Listen Repeat Stand up Words to Happy Birthday (note that in the German version, you are literally wishing someone 'On your birthday lots of luck!') more slowly / more quickly more loudly / more softly	<i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag lieber / liebe (+ name)</i> <i>Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!</i> <i>Januar</i> <i>Februar</i> <i>März</i> <i>April</i> <i>Mai</i> <i>Juni</i> <i>Juli</i> <i>August</i>	Happy Birthday January February March April May June July August

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Die Monate <i>Januar</i> <i>Februar</i> <i>März</i> <i>April</i> <i>Mai</i> <i>Juni</i> <i>Juli</i> <i>August</i> <i>September</i> <i>Oktober</i> <i>November</i> <i>Dezember</i>	The months of the year January February March April May June July August September October November December	<i>September</i> <i>Oktober</i> <i>November</i> <i>Dezember</i>	September October November December
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