CLIL Module Plan

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School Grade	O Primary			O Middle			● High		
School Year	01	02		Ο3	3 (0 4		● 5
Subject	Scienze naturali Topic		Торіс		The chemical b			oasis of heredity	
CLIL Language	● English				O Deutsch				

Personal and social-cultural preconditions	The group consists of 19 students, 17 females and 2 males. Sciene (biology) is not a core-subject of the curriculum (Linguistic High-school), thus students' personal motivation on the subject is heterogenous. However, the profile of
of all people	the class group is quite good, and they demonstrated through years
involved	matureness and engagement with school. Their english level is homogeneous:
	the average CEFR English level is around B2 or higher. About one third of the
	students is expected to attend to a C1 level certification during the school
	year. In the class there are no students with special educational needs. The
	teacher is a science teacher. His English CEFR Level is C1.

Students' prior	Subject	Language
knowledge, skills, competencies	Bacterial structure, Bacterial plasmids and bacterial transformation, the scientific method, proteins and enzymes, cell division	Passive forms, past simple, basic language to describe a process (First, then, next), cause and effect (due to;because of; as a consequence of), expressing agreement and disagreement, predicting and justifying hypotheses (about a scientific experiment), giving instructions,

Timetable fitImage: ModuleLength 3

Description of	The whole module is structured on task-based activities, starting from simple
teaching and	exercises to verify understanding to problem solving situations. Almost all
learning	class activities are organized according to cooperative learning methodology,
strategies	either in pairs or groups. To stimulate their interest in the subject,
	participation in class work and acceptation of challenges students are evaluated as individuals, pairs or group. Youtube videos, pptx slides and documents adapted by the teacher have been used.

Overall Module Plan

Unit: 1	Lesson 1
Classic experiments: DNA as the genetic material	Griffith's experiment
Unit length: 3	Lesson 2
	Avery's experiment
	Lesson 3
	Hershey & Chase's experiment
	Lesson 4
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Griffith's experiment

Activity	Timing	Learning Outcomes	Activity Procedure	Language	Interaction	Materials	Assessment
1	5'	To introduce and explain the goals of the lesson; to know the state of knowledge and beliefs at that age about the genetic material.	The teacher introduces the goals of the lesson. Then, he briefly summarises the state of the art before Griffith's experiment, underlining most scientist suspected that proteins were the genetic material.	SkillsLSRWKey vocabulary genetic information, hereditary material, offspring, chromosomes,Key vocabulary genetic information, hereditary material, offspring, chromosomes,Communicative structuresSimple past, passive forms, "Do you wonder when was discovered?" "What do you think about?" "Proteins were believed to be"	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	• U1_L1_ATT1.pdf Blackboard; Introductory part of U1_L1_ATT1 document	Students express their belief about the topic; students express surprise or agreement.

2	15'	To find new meanings of commonly used words, that are used in the biology context. To know how Griffith's experiment was set up.	Task 1: In group, students are asked to complete a gap-fill exercise on a text that explains Griffith's experiment (Second part of document U1_L1_ATT1). Missing words can be found at the bottom of the page. Teacher circulates and monitors, Students are encouraged to search the meaning of new words. Words that confuse students due to their multiple meanings (homonyms) are written on the blackboard. At the end the teacher clarifies the meaning of the trickiest words.	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary strain, smooth strain, rough strain, pneumonia, virulent, nonvirulent, bacteria, genetic material, plasmids, bacterial transformation, "transforming principle", petri dish, blood sample Communicative structures Describing a sequence of events (past simple, when, as it was); Cause-effect structures (so, since, hence, due to, as a result)	 □ Whole class ■ Group work □ Pair work □ Individual work 	• U1_L1_ATT1.pdf Second part of document U1_L1_ATT1	Students discuss in group to decide how to fill the gaps. Students ask for the meaning of new words or ask for clarification about some meanings;
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3	10	To understand the results of Griffith's experiment and their meaning.	Students can check their answers to the previous task by watching a video explaining Griffith's experiment (from minute 0:00 to minute 4:30). Altough the youtube channel is indian, speaker's accent is mild and not hard to understand. The video is played a second time in order to let students to summarise the new knowledge.	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary strain, smooth strain, rough strain, pneumonia, virulent, nonvirulent, bacteria, genetic material, plasmids, bacterial transformation, "transforming principle", petri dish, blood sample	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	youtube video: link	Students check their own answers on activity two worksheet.
				Communicative structures Describing a sequence of events (past simple, when, as it was); Cause-effect structures (so, since, hence, due to, as a result)			

4	15'	To understand that the "transforming principle" and the genetic material are	Key points of Griffith's experiment are summarised; in case, doubts and concerns are expressed by students and clarified by teacher.	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual 	Plenary correction of tasks and debate on the limits of the
		the same thing. To be aware of the outcomes of this experiment. To be aware of the questions this experiment could not answer.		Communicative structures	□ Individual work	experiment

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Avery's experiment

Activity	Timing	Learning Outcomes	Activity Procedure	Language	Interaction	Materials	Assessment
1 10	10'	To recall prior knowledge on Griffith's experiment To present the aims of the lesson	Students recall prior knowledge on Griffith's experiment and "the transforming principle". The process is helped by teacher's use of some slides and blackboard.	Skills	Whole class	Blackboard	Students recall what they remember/understood the previous lesson. Students corect each other in case of inaccuracy of descriptions.
	C			L S R W	□ Group work □ Pair work □ Individual work		
				Key vocabulary			
				Communicative structures "Could you tell me?"; "What do you remember about?" "What			

2	20	To be aware of the key principles the experiment is based on	video (from minute 4:33 to minute 7:30) that explains the set- up of Avery's experiment. Then students try to fill some gaps in a diagram explaining Avery's experiment, results and 	L S R W Key vocabulary Enzymes, Protease, DNase, RNAse, Sugars,	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	• U1_L2_ATT2.pdf Youtube video: link Task 1 worksheet: (U1_L2_ATT2)	Students discuss in group how to fill the gaps. Do you think that is this
				structures Do you think that is this one is the correct match for that gap? Do you agree with me? What do you think about? Could you explain us this part of			

3	15'	To realise how Avery and colleagues understood the chemical nature of "Griffith's transforming principle"; To understand the limitations of these results.	Students watch the last part of the video (from minute 07:30 to the end) that explains the rationale, the result and conclusion of Avery's experiment. While doing so, they correct their own answers	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary Enzymes, Protease, DNase, RNAse, Sugars, Heat-killed cells, hydrolysis, degradation, transformation, culture Communicative structures Why isn't it right? What does this result mean? What could we infer from this result? How does work?	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	• U1_L2_ATT2.pdf Youtube video: link	Students share and check their own anwers with the whole class and motivate their choices. Teacher gives the correct answers and explains the reason
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Hershey & Chase's experiment

Activity	Timing	Learning Outcomes	Activity Procedure	Language	Interaction	Materials	Assessment
1	10'	To recall prior knowledge (Avery's experiment on the transforming principle).	Students recall the key aspects of Avery's experiment. Teacher draws on blackboard a diagram that represents what is said by students. Teacher underlines that Avery's experiment did not convince some scientists that DNA was the transforming principle. Another experiment that aimed to unravel the chemical naure of the transforming principle is so presented: Hershey & Chase's experiment.	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary Communicative structures	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	Blackboard	Students correct each other in case of inaccuracy of description

2	30'	To understand how isotope labeling can be used in biology. To understand how cells and viruses can be separated through centrifigation. To demonstrate that DNA is the genetic material	Students read about Hershey & Chase's experiment using two different sources (U1_L3_ATT1 and U1_L3_ATT2). Students compare the two sources through a pair work. Teacher points the attention on the importance of dividing the text into paragraphs to ease comprehension and to highlight differences. Teacher circulates and monitors, clarifies about new experimental techniques Students are encouraged to search the meaning of new words. Words that confuse students due to their multiple meanings (homonyms) are written on the blackboard and clarified.	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary Sotope labeling, Sotope labeling, bacteriophage, whirling, blender, batch, culture, centrifugation, pellet, debris, supernatant, radioactivity Communicative structures How does this technique work? What happens if? How can bacteria and viruses be separated? What did the authors conclude? Item and the authors conclude	 □ Whole class □ Group work ■ Pair work □ Individual work 	• U1_L3_ATT1.pdf • U1_L3_ATT2.pdf	

3		To realise how differentStudents discuss about how the two sourcessources can tell the path of a discovery in significantlyGonclusion. The different nature of the two sources (academic vs. educational) is underlined by the	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary experimental model, bacteriophage, academic, educational,	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	 U1_L3_ATT1.pdf U1_L3_ATT2.pdf blackboard. 	Plenary discussion of key aspects that students noticed.
		why the inaccuracy of one of the sources is intended as a matter of simplification rather than deception.	teacher.	Communicative structures "Which is the aim of?" "The purpose of that publisher is"		

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Test

Activity	Timing	Learning Outcomes	Activity Procedure	Language	Interaction	Materials	Assessment
1	45'	Students can prove their knowledge and understanding of Unit 1.	Teacher explains the tasks and monitors students' work. Students do some True and False exercises, some multiple choice texts and match some words with the proper definitions.	Skills L S R W Key vocabulary Review of all unit 1 Communicative structures The test doesn't have	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	• U1_L4_ATT1.pdf	Summative assessment: each test will be evaluated according to the scores provided in the test.
				any communicative task			