

I have enjoyed my experience here in Italy, working with some wonderful children and teachers.

In the five months I have spent here, I have learnt not only how to work well with children, but I have also learnt a lot about Italian culture and customs.

In Anzio, I had the opportunity to work independently with the children in the afternoons, which meant I had a lot of control over what activities to do with the children. During the morning, for a part of placement, we carried English workshops with the children using the Hocus&Lotus methodology. I feel the kids enjoyed this method of learning, but I think this is something that could be added to, perhaps also using other activities so the lesson does not become overly repetitive. I would also like to highly praise Maria and Cristina, for their patience and welcoming they were with me, as there are some children in the class who can be difficult at times, but both women are doing a fantastic job.

I enjoyed working with my tutor Antonella, but I think next year, there might be need for a tutor who which the student can have more contact hours with, as Antonella was only there on one of my working days. Both Antonella e Barbara were the first people to welcome me here, and I am extremely grateful for that.

The majority of my week was spent in Arcobaleno. Teresa, my tutor, was fantastic and welcomed me with open arms. We worked closely together organising lessons together and she was fantastic support both inside and outside of work. She is extremely dedicated to her job and does so much for the children. My other colleagues were great to work with and I feel they have a very good work/play balance with the children.

Eadaion, from Cork, Ireland.

I am truly touched by how the kids keep their excitement and being so pure at the same time. I am also amazed with the parents' kindness. Not to mention the patience and passions of all the teachers, obviously my inspiration. I hope I have made a mark because each and every one of them have made such a huge impact for my personal development. Grazie mille.

Kintamaya, from Jakarta, Indonesia