# How languages can boost your child's brainpower

## Learning another language is an exciting experience for young children. While they have fun discovering new and unique ways of expressing themselves, they also exercise and strengthen their brains.

## No matter what your child's ability, research shows that learning another language can:

### Stimulate brain development

## Learning another language helps develop essential areas of children's brains. It also helps them to think more creatively, connect ideas and solve problems more easily.

### Significantly enhance English literacy skills

Learning another language means more than just memorising lists of words. Languages all use different 'systems'. Children automatically compare and contrast the system of the new language they are learning with English.

This gives them an insight to how English works, which accelerates their ability to read and write.

### Improve memory, concentration and numeracy skills

Learning another language strengthens children's memory for sequences and their ability to concentrate and build connections.

### Improve overall performance at school

Learning another language is associated with excellent, long-term academic results. Studies show that in the world's highest-performing school systems, all students in all year levels learn one or more languages.

### Encourage respect and understanding of other cultures

Learning another language sparks children's curiosity for other cultures. It opens their minds to different ways of living and promotes harmony and respect in the schoolyard and beyond.

Learning another language is crucial to preparing children for our increasingly globalised and multilingual jobs market.

Remember, learning any language – whether it's Italian or Indonesian, Punjabi or Portuguese – helps children to become better thinkers, better communicators and better global citizens.

Starting early will put your child on-track to proficiency in another language, ready to seize the world of opportunities that this brings.