

Primary School

School

NORWAY

- 219 pupils
- 7 classes.
 - Around 30 in each class
 - 2 teachers

ITALY

- 200 pupils
- 10 classes
 - 20 in each class
 - 1 teacher

Organization

NORWAY

- About 20.
- More than one subject per teacher.
- A degree is required

ITALY

- About 12
- Only one subject per teacher.
- A degree is required

Curriculum

NORWAY

- First grade: reading and writing
- From first to fourth grade:
 1. Having fun to learn
 2. Basic Maths and Norwegian
- From fifth to seventh → higher level of learning

ITALY

- First grade: alphabet and numbers, reading and writing
- First and second grade:
 - Basic subjects
- Third grade to fifth:
 - higher level of learning

Lesson Plan

NORWAY

- 45 minutes per hour
- More hours for basic subjects
- Different methods
- Practical subjects

ITALY

- 60 minutes per hour
- More hours for basic subjects
- Drawing, painting for learning
- Not so much playing
- Not practical subjects

Career development

Norway

- Cooperation with local industries
- Visiting factories
- Learning about the factories
- Some time spent on career guidance

Italy

- No contact with factories
- Preparing for working life
- Not much time spent on career guidance

THE END



REPORT

We visited Brattvag primary school and have prepared a presentation about that school.

SCHOOL

Norway

School is from Monday to Friday every week. School starts around 9 and finishes at 1 pm from the first to the fourth grade. From the fifth to the seventh grade pupils are at school from 9 to 1 pm on Mondays and Fridays and from Tuesday to Thursday they are at school from 9 to 2 pm.

At Brattvag primary school there are 219 pupils. There are 7 classes. In each class there are two teachers.

Italy

School is from Monday to Saturday every week. School starts around 8 and finishes at 1 pm. This counts for each class every day.

There are 200 pupils, 10 classes and 20 pupils in each class. The classes only have 1 teacher per class.

ADMINISTRATION

Norway

At school there are 20 teachers, and every teacher teaches several subjects in the same class. An example is that one teacher has Norwegian, English and Mathematics in the same class. Each class also has one contact teacher who talks to the pupils' parents twice a year.

The teachers at primary school have to take a degree. The degree is 4 years long but most teachers go to training college for 5 or 6 years to specialize.

Italy

There are about 12 teachers, and every teacher teaches one or two subjects in the same class. The teachers also teach the same subjects in other classes.

Italian teachers also have to take a degree. The degree course lasts 5 years, then they become assistant teacher for 1 or 2 years.

CURRICULUM

Norway

In the first grade pupils learn the alphabet and how to read. From first to fourth grade pupils learn basic Maths and Norwegian. They also learn a little English, like colours and animals.

From fifth to seventh grade pupils learn more Norwegian, English, Maths, Science, Sociology and Art.

Italy

First they learn the alphabet and how to count with numbers; then they learn something about basic subjects like Maths, Italian grammar, etc...

In the first two years part of the time is dedicated to games.

In the third grade they begin to go deeper, raising the level of learning thanks to increased hours of some specific subjects.

LESSON PLAN

Norway

One lesson at school lasts 45 minutes. They usually have 2 lessons together before they have a break. When pupils get older they dedicate more time to basic subjects. Teachers use different teaching methods, and often divide the classes into smaller groups. Pupils also have practical subjects, like making things of wood and fabric.

Italy

One lesson at school lasts 60 minutes. The hours dedicated to a subject in a week depend on the kind of subject; for example basic subjects like Italian or Maths have more hours than the others.

The method: children in primary school learn through the senses, using their eyes, their mouths, their hands,..... so through direct experience.

They learn around ten subjects: Maths, Science, Italian, History, P.E., Religion, Art, Music and English.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Norway

The school does not use very much career guidance, but they have contact with local factories, which they visit. They get tours around in the factories and learn about what they make. Brattvag primary school cooperates with STX offshore, Rolls Royce and a fishing boat, which they take a trip together with in the 6th grade.

Italy

The school uses career guidance by trying to make the pupils ready for the next school they are attending. But still, the school does not spend much time on this throughout the whole primary school.