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Assecondando la curiosità che i bambini nutrono verso lo sport presentiamo alcuni sport popolari nei Paesi anglosassoni. Non trascuriamo di far esprimere preferenze e attitudini e incoraggiamo i nostri alunni alla pratica sportiva.

Are you sporty?

I like sport

Ask your children if they play any sports. Probably most of the boys play football or rugby, but many girls prefer volleyball or gymnastics. Other sports are well known and loved because of the TV like basketball, tennis, cycling... Children coming from Pakistan or India play cricket, so it is becoming popular in Italy too. Enrich your pupils' vocabulary naming the equipment related to the favourite sport:

- bat and ball for cricket;
 - ball, racket and net for tennis;
- or the place where it is played:
- pitch for football or cricket;
 - court for tennis;
- or the name of the person who controls the game:
- the referee;
 - the umpire.

Bring to school some photos from sport magazines to make the conversation more lively and to involve everybody: *Which is your favourite sport? Do you like watching sport on TV? Who's your idol?* Invite your children to bring to school the photos of their idols, stick them on a board with some information (text 1) and a short comment "He is great", "He is cool!", "He is my hero!".

A team is for life!

Many teams or clubs over the world are extremely popular. Some of their anthems are popular too. They just make everybody proud to support their team and are sung moments before the start of each match.

The All Blacks' Haka, for instance, will arouse your children's enthusiasm. It is so famous that your pupils will be happy to learn it. It opens with a set of instructions shouted by the leader (text 2).

English football clubs usually have an anthem too. The famous Liverpool FC has a very popular song that is invariably sung by chorus of supporters on the match day: *You'll never walk alone*.

Let your children watch the videos on Internet showing the fans that encourage their team singing all together in a very joyful atmosphere.

Assessment

Give your children a list of sports and ask them to classify those according to different criteria.

- Summer / winter sports;
- Indoor / outdoor sports;
- Team / individually played sports.

NAME:
NATIONALITY:
SPORT:
TEAM: Text 1

*Slap your hands against your thighs;
bend your knees;
stamp your feet as hard as you can.
Ka Mate, Ka Mate! Ka Ora, Ka Ora!
I die, I die! I live, I live!* Text 2

Giochiamo

Be active!

Write on the board: *Playing sport is a good habit*. Ask your children if they agree, which sport they play, when and where. Carry out a school survey to find out how many children play sport and which are the most loved: *What sport do you play?* Make a picture graph of the results on a poster and discuss them orally. Give your pupils a chant to learn:

Do you want to be healthy?

Do you want to be strong?

Move your body and you can't go wrong!

Run and dance and jump and play

Lots of movement every day

football, basketball and tennis too,

Try a sport, it's good for you.

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