



In Finland, a country renowned for its world class education, children begin to learn English

BEFORE THEY EVEN STEP FOOT IN SCHOOL

One particular municipality in Finland, Liperi, is utilizing children's natural sensitive period for learning a foreign language by using Moomin Language School in order to teach English.

Liperi has decided to utilize children's natural sensitive period for learning a foreign language.

Research shows that beginning language learning at the age of 4–6 brings great results.



The municipality of Liperi has taken a big leap and invested in children's early language learning: municipal kindergartens, pre-schools and family daycare units have adopted the popular Moomin Language School, a gamified digital language learning application that is designed specifically for the youngest students.

How did you decide on such a progressive solution on a municipal level, early childhood director **Sirkka Helisten**?

- The world is getting smaller and more international, and the importance of understanding foreign languages and cultures grows constantly. If we can demonstrate the significance of these things to children from a young age, their learning results are much better than if they only start learning in school.



” We based the decision purely on research, says Helisten. – Several brain studies have showed that at the age of 4–6 children go through a sensitive period for foreign language learning, so why not utilize it in early education?”