

Spanish

At Overstone, we believe that learning a foreign language provides a gateway to other cultures and enables children to broaden their understanding of our diverse world. Our aim is to develop a love of learning about modern foreign languages because of their increasing importance in the modern world. Learning Spanish at Overstone will give the children a solid foundation and open up opportunities for them to progress confidently in languages as they continue their education journey.

Our curriculum aims to foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. It is our goal that children will develop fluent recall of sounds, words and rules about how to connect these within a sentence in order to build meaning. We encourage children's confidence to speak Spanish in everyday situations. We help our children develop their awareness of cultural differences in another country. We strive to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing to enable children to use and apply their Spanish learning in a variety of contexts and lay the foundations for future language learning, as they transition to each new key stage

Throughout the year we undertake 3 whole school Spanish days, one in each large term. In the build up to these days, children in Reception to Year 6 will learn and practise some Spanish vocabulary, have access to Spanish music, use interactive resources, dance, produce artwork and experience Spanish food. Through this dedicated time we hope to plant the seeds for enthusiasm in their Spanish learning as children move on to Year 3 and their curriculum learning.

Our children's language curriculum learning journey begins in Year 3 where they begin to learn Spanish through songs, stories, games and listening to native Spanish speakers, and also through verbal activities as well as being able to practise using the language as much as possible. Throughout their time in KS2, children will be provided with opportunities to revisit the skills they have previously learned and to build on their vocabulary and grammar knowledge. Children learn through a variety of different themes which enables them to gain an understanding of life, culture, similarities and differences of people, buildings and experiences both in Spain and other parts of the Spanish speaking world. Children regularly re-visit previous learning to ensure knowledge is embedded and they are able to take on new content successfully.

Children at Overstone Primary school love learning Spanish and enjoy having the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have acquired. Throughout their time in KS2, children display their

learning journey in their Spanish vocab books which progress through the years with them. Children also use worksheets to reinforce their learning.

Children's progress in Spanish is continually monitored to ensure appropriate challenge and support is in place for those who need it. Quick quizzes and end of unit assessments provide children with the opportunity to demonstrate their learning and teacher feedback ensures they are aware of their next steps.

The experience of learning and using a foreign language makes a unique contribution to the whole curriculum by taking children out of a familiar environment and allowing them to explore the lifestyle and culture of countries around the world through a shared language. This, in turn, provides a satisfying, enjoyable and intellectually challenging experience for children in coping with a different linguistic medium.