



Introduction

As part of the current primary National Curriculum (introduced in September 2014) learning a foreign language has become a requirement for children within KS2. Children at Bilston Church of England Primary School have been learning Spanish as the chosen modern foreign language (MFL) since September 2008. Therefore, the teaching of this has been adapted and developed to ensure full coverage of the National Curriculum.

Aims

At Bilston Church of England Primary School, we aim to develop children's experience of language acquisition and encourage curiosity about languages. We facilitate children in being able to develop their understanding of what they hear and read, and have an ability to express themselves in speech and writing. Children extend their knowledge of how a language works, explore differences between Spanish and English and strengthen their sense of identity through learning about culture in Hispanic countries and comparing it with their own culture.

Teaching and Learning Overview

Teaching is in line with the recommendations of the National Curriculum, with modifications in place, which allow for the individual and differentiated needs of the children. It takes full account of the different experiences, strengths and interests of the children whilst also complying with the requirements and guidance on inclusion.

The national curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- *understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources*
- *speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation*
- *can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt*
- *discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.*

Organisation

Spanish is taught in a whole-class settings, by a language specialist. Language specialist teachers follow topics from Language Angels which have been selected and adapted by the MFL Co-ordinator in 2023-24. The medium term planning has been designed to incorporate all areas of language learning within interesting topics that are relevant to the children. The lessons are designed to motivate children from the first moment and are often practical in focus. They have clear, achievable objectives and incorporate different learning

styles. SEND children have access to the curriculum through variation of task, grouping or support from an adult.

Each class (Year 3 – 6) has a timetabled lesson of 45-60 minutes per week. Lessons focus on speaking and listening in the first part then as children progress in language acquisition and proficiency, more emphasis is given to reading and writing in the target language. When appropriate, children record written work informally in books, which are passed through the years and become a portfolio of their learning. This then will be passed on the secondary school to aid transition.

Assessment

Teachers monitor children's progress and adjust their teaching accordingly. Assessment of children in Spanish is ongoing to ensure that understanding is being achieved and that progress is being made. Children are assessed on their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills within Spanish and this is recorded using the school tracking system with data entered termly.

Below is an outline of the coverage within KS2

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1				I'm Learning Spanish Yo aprendo Español	Presenting Myself Me presento	Do you have a pet? ¿Tienes una mascota?	At School En el colegio
Autumn 2				Seasons Las Estaciones	Family La familia	What is the date? La fecha	Healthy Lifestyle Comer sano
Spring 1				Animals Los animales	Goldilocks Ricitos de Oro y los Tres Osos	My Home Mi casa	The Weekend El fin de semana
Spring 2				Fruit & Vegetables La fruta y las verduras	Habitats Los hábitats	At the café En la cafetería	Planets Los planetas
Summer 1				Shapes Las formas	The Weather ¿Qué tiempo hace?	Traditions and celebrations Tradiciones y celebraciones	WWII La Segunda Guerra Mundial
Summer 2				Little Red Riding Hood Caperucita Roja	In the classroom La clase	Clothes La ropa	Me in the World Yo en el mundo

When pupils leave Bilston Church of England Primary School, we hope that they have a love of languages and will have the confidence to communicate in Spanish on the topics they have covered with us. We hope that this manifests a curiosity to explore other languages, countries and cultures. We aim for pupils to understand that we live in a multi-cultural society, and it is an invaluable skill to be able to communicate in another language. We also endeavour for all pupils to be able to build on their language foundations when they move onto secondary school.