

SPANISH VISION

At North, we aim to develop and promote a love and enthusiasm for learning new languages through our teaching of Spanish. We offer a vibrant and ambitious foreign languages curriculum that will inspire our pupils using a wide variety of topics. Our planned schemes of work ensure connectivity and progression, that allow children to progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around topics. All our children in KS2 will have weekly Spanish lessons and will be expected to achieve their full potential by encouraging high expectations and excellent standards.

By the end of KS2, the ultimate aim is that pupils can engage in simple conversation in Spanish, understand key terms and phrases as well as promoting the love for learning a new language so pupils will continue to study Spanish or other languages beyond key stage 2.

At North our Spanish curriculum is based on the National Curriculum which aims to ensure that all pupils develop key linguistic skills within speaking, listening, reading and writing. These skills will develop the children's ability to understand what they hear and read and enable them to independently express themselves orally. Lessons follow a set structure, creating a safe and comfortable space where children feel confident to participate and everyone gets a chance to talk and share ideas. Lessons are conducted in Spanish and teachers are careful to ensure accurate pronunciation which is then expected from children. Written tasks, songs and games are set up as well to consolidate their learning. At the beginning of each lesson, previous knowledge is retrieved and reviewed in a conversational context and all sessions are linked to previous ones. To challenge all children, new vocabulary beyond the focus of the unit is introduced in each session so children are able to make connections between topics in Spanish. Pupils are encouraged to use our personalised Spanish booklets and bilingual dictionaries in activities to extend their learning. The scheme we follow ensures progression because of the cyclical nature of the topics and the addition of more complex vocabulary, linguistic and grammatical structures as children move through KS2. In addition this allows children to revisit learning to foster confidence, fluency and a deep understanding.

The Spanish curriculum at North has been designed to not only ensure children have a greater understanding of the Spanish language, but to also:

- Improve their confidence, self-esteem and provide a sense of achievement for all pupils.
- Improve their ability to grasp additional languages.
- Secure a positive outlook to learning new languages
- Develop a greater appreciation for learning new languages and cultural differences.
- Improve their memory in phonics and their ability to recognise grammatical patterns in languages.
- Provide them with basic level understanding of a language which they can explore further when they visit Spanish speaking countries.