

Spanish

At Regent Farm First School we are committed to ensuring that competence in another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. It also helps children develop skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of Spanish in Key Stage 2 provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and lays the foundations for further foreign language teaching once in Middle School and beyond. We follow a clear programme of study, which ensures that the foreign language knowledge of our pupils progresses within each academic year and is extended year on year. The four key language learning skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing will be taught. This will enable pupils to use and apply their learning in a variety of contexts, laying down solid foundations for future language learning. We aim for pupils to develop a genuine interest and positive curiosity about foreign languages, finding them enjoyable and stimulating.



Strands within Spanish Curriculum

To develop language comprehension (listening and reading) and language production (speaking and writing) we use three strands to support children's learning:



Phonics

The explicit teaching of critical phonemes focuses on both pronunciation and the sound-spelling link. Our specialist teacher focuses on the shape of the mouth when making each sound.



Vocabulary

Our lessons systematically introduce the most commonly used words, especially simple and common verbs. It then provides opportunities for children to revisit previously-learned vocabulary in different contexts. Our lessons are designed to ensure that each time new vocabulary is introduced, the pupils have an opportunity to use it in language comprehension and production activities.



Grammar

Grammar is taught and revisited to ensure basic structures are committed to memory before more complex ones may be introduced. There are opportunities to practise grammar structures across speaking, writing, reading and listening. Activities encourage children to manipulate the words and grammar themselves and begin to use new language creatively.

	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3
Early Years and Key Stage 1	Children begin to develop a love of languages by joining in with basic skills and singing. The whole school enjoy a Spanish focus when we celebrate European Day of Languages, enjoying some sample lessons, learning about a different culture and sampling some cuisine.		
Year 3	Basic Greetings Numbers to 12	Age Colours Animals	Weather Food Numbers to 21
Year 4	Where we live Spanish Drama	Numbers to 31 Months Birthdays	Pets Farewell Song



Support and Challenge



1. A range of accessible, open ended tasks with a clear outcome.
2. Small steps within each lesson ensure all children have an opportunity to make progress.
3. Children with additional needs have targeted support in line with IEPs.
4. All children are supported and challenged through targeted questioning and opportunities for talk.
5. Precise and accurate definitions for new vocabulary and opportunities for application.
6. High level of exploratory, active learning with hands-on experiences.