

MFL at DULWICH WOOD

Curriculum

At Dulwich Wood, Spanish is the modern foreign language that is taught. It is taught once a week from Year 3 to Year 6 by a specialist teacher who uses the Lingua Learn programme. We teach Spanish to develop communicative skills and to encourage intercultural knowledge and understanding. We seek to open the children's minds to different cultures whereby they feel they are "Citizens of the World". Furthermore, we want to nurture a lifelong passion and curiosity for languages and to consolidate the skills for future language learning.



Intent

As part of our learning in Spanish, we aim to:

- teach the essential skills to learn languages and to develop "intuition" for languages.
- make language learning engaging for all children through music, games, art, history and enrichment days.
- give students a sense of how languages can be useful in their personal and professional life.



Implementation

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

During the first term there is a particular emphasis on speaking and writing Spanish phonics. This will allow children to be more confident speakers and readers in the future. In the second term we start learning semantical structures that will allow them to express simple information. They will start connecting ideas using connectives expressing personal views. By the third term they will be developing essential skills for language independent learning. They will research their own vocabulary using dictionaries to express their own ideas.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Spanish in Upper KS2 will be building on all the prior learning with more opportunities to develop an understanding of culture and festivals across Spain and Latin America. Learning new semantical structures to express new ideas (describing things). They will continue to be independent in developing their own vocabulary. They will start developing translation and interpreting skills.



Collaboration

The MFL Teacher will plan each lesson to ensure progression and challenge by differentiating her expectations and activities depending on individual fluency. At Dulwich Wood there are native Spanish speakers so their needs are different so are planned for accordingly. In all year groups there are children who have transferred from other Primary schools and may be unfamiliar with Spanish, the MFL Teacher differentiates for them also and they receive additional support from other adults in the lesson.

The MFL teacher uses a variety of resources including videos, role play cards, visual aids, pair work and games.

Impact

Children will be assessed from Year 3 upwards in reading, writing, speaking and listening using the Language Learn software. Assessments are carried out by the MFL specialist teacher after each topic. This ongoing assessment is then shared with Class teachers.

All KS2 children have Spanish writing books which are also used as part of assessment for learning