

Ancient Modern Foreign Languages



Intent

Languages are an integral part of the curriculum. Learning a language is ‘a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures’. It helps to equip children with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to communicate effectively in a globalised world. Language learning encourages children to appreciate and celebrate differences. It also introduces the idea that the building blocks of a language system are sounds, words and rules and how those connect to create sentences and meanings which supports phonic and grammar development.

Implementation

Our children learn the complexities of the Spanish language through lessons with a specialist teacher. To help them to remember key phrases and facts, songs are recalled often and memory games are played.

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) curriculum relies heavily on boosting children’s listening skills. Lessons explore listening to Spanish sounds, rhymes, songs and stories. Building on this allows children to begin to speak, write and read the Spanish language.

As children progress within their language learning journey, conversation becomes a key part of lessons; children work alongside partners/the teacher in improving their ability to listen and respond to questions and dialogue. Word banks and flow charts are used to support conversation and aid children to embed new learning.

Impact

Through the MFL curriculum, we expect students to develop a deep understanding of the Spanish language, enabling them to communicate confidently and effectively. Participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of different cultures, fostering empathy, open-mindedness, and global citizenship. The curriculum aims to prepare students for a wide range of opportunities, including international travel, study abroad, and careers in a global marketplace. In the end, we hope to inspire a lifelong love of language learning and a commitment to cross-cultural communication and understanding.