

St Luke's Halsall – Spanish Policy 2022/23



INTENT

At St. Luke's we intend to inspire pupils to develop a love of languages and to expand their horizons to other countries, cultures and people. We aim to help children grow into curious, confident and reflective language learners and to provide them with a foundation that will equip them for further language studies. Learning Spanish will boost children's personal creativity, help to sharpen their minds and make travel more appealing as well as increasing their employability in the future! Our aims to foster children's curiosity and help deepen their understanding of the world

IMPLEMENTATION

In St Luke's Halsall CE Primary School, Spanish is taught in Years 3 to 6, enabling the children to make substantial progress in one language. We do, however, focus on teaching skills which will be transferable to learning different languages in the future. Children are taught through conversation, games, songs, rhymes and computer programmes. We are so lucky to have Juan (a native Spanish speaker) visit KS2 classes each week on a Tuesday. The children adore the interactive and fun nature of his lessons!

Our chosen themes (which have been bespoke by Juan) provide introductions to the culture of Spanish-speaking countries and communities. A linear curriculum has been chosen to allow opportunity for children to gradually build on their skills. Our Spanish curriculum aims to enable children to express their ideas and thoughts in Spanish and provides opportunities to interact and communicate with others both in speech and in writing. At the heart of our Spanish curriculum is the desire to expose children to authentic Spanish, hoping to offer regular opportunities to listen to native speakers.

In Lower KS2, children acquire basic skills and understanding of Spanish with a strong emphasis placed on developing their Speaking and Listening skills. These will be embedded and further developed in Upper KS2, alongside Reading and Writing, gradually progressing onto more complex language concepts and greater learner autonomy.

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.