

Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints Ce Primary School



Spanish in EYFS and Key Stage One

EYFS/ Key Stage 1 Spanish

Although languages are not compulsory in EYFS and KS1, we have chosen to begin to teach Spanish from Nursery. Our aim is to show the children the sounds of a new language, develop listening and speaking skills, build confidence, encourage positive attitudes to languages and learn about other countries and cultures.

Teaching languages builds links between school and home, some children already speak other languages other than English at home and therefore language teaching is used as an integral part of this link. Learning doesn't just happen in stand-alone lessons, we try to use Spanish in our daily routines (greetings at the beginning of the day, saying thank you after getting the toast, celebrating birthdays, etc.).

The methodology that we use includes practical and engaging activities such as finger rhymes, action rhymes, listening to simple stories, songs and rhymes, playing games, singing song. We aim to develop listening, attention and concentration skills: we play circle games, passing an object round and singing, understand turn taking, speak in a clear voice and copying the language modelled by the teacher.

We believe that children need opportunities to hear different languages as this is a stepping stone to gain awareness of other cultures and beliefs and developing good relationships and respecting differences between people as well as the intrinsic joy of learning a language for its' own sake.

Topics in EYFS:

In EYFS we cover topics such as: Greetings, Introducing Ourselves, How we are Feeling, Numbers, Colours , Weather , Our Body , Seaside Animals / Farm Animals

This is led by the children's interests and topics covered in the wider curriculum for each year group.

Topics in KS1:

In Year One & Year Two we cover topics such as: Greetings, Introducing Ourselves, Where We live, How we are Feeling, Colours, Numbers, Weather, Days of the Week, Months of the Year, Our Body and Pets.

Again, this is linked wherever possible to the wider Year One & Year Two curriculum.