

Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School

Intent, Implementation and Impact Statements for Spanish

Intent

At Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School, we want to nurture a love for languages by giving all pupils access to high-quality Spanish teaching from a qualified and experienced languages specialist. We want children to look forward to their Spanish lessons and aim to spark their curiosity about the language and culture of Spain and the Spanish-speaking world by making the curriculum as interesting and as accessible as possible to all pupils. We aim to encourage a 'have a go' attitude in lessons and, by the end of Year 6, we hope to have created confident and enthusiastic language learners who are able to speak, read and write in Spanish and who are looking forward to continuing their language learning journey at secondary school.

Implementation

Pupils have a weekly Spanish lesson from Year 3 and follow our carefully planned curriculum for four years. We aim to cover all four language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing and the linguistic progression of each lesson is based on the Spanish teacher's expert knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and phonics. We use a variety of online, visual and audio resources such as Early Start Languages, Rockalingua and Lightbulb Languages as well as making bespoke materials. We want lessons to be engaging and fun – action songs, raps, games and puzzles are all part of the classroom repertoire. Both effort and achievement are celebrated with the motto 'practice makes perfect' very much the mantra of the classroom. Within the curriculum, there are ample opportunities to revisit, revise and practise previously learnt vocabulary and grammar points and therefore build up each learner's confidence and language arsenal. Frequent references to the culture, history and geography of Spain and the Hispanic world are made in Spanish lessons to promote a global perspective. Several lessons are centred on Spanish/Hispanic festivals such as el Día de los Muertos, el Día de Reyes, el Carnaval and la Tomatina. Pupils are assessed formally at the end of each term and the results of these tests help to shape future learning priorities.

Impact

We do not just learn foreign words in isolation when we study Spanish at Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School, we also learn all about the culture of Spain and the Hispanic world. We celebrate our differences and also recognise the ways in which we are similar. We try to foster a sense of curiosity and an openness to other cultures – an attitude which we hope our pupils will maintain throughout the rest of their education and beyond. Pupils of all abilities in Year 3 appreciate the opportunity for a brand-new learning experience and a fresh start and this can be a huge boost to their confidence in the classroom. Upon leaving school at the end of Year 6, pupils are equipped with a solid knowledge of Spanish vocabulary, grammar and phonics and, we hope, the confidence and enthusiasm to continue learning a foreign language.