



“I can do all this through HIM who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

Our Vision is that we strive for excellence in all that we do, working together as a happy community where children develop a life-long love of learning.

At Urchfont CE Primary School, we are committed to providing our children with a curriculum that has a clear intention and impacts positively upon their needs.

Curriculum statement for the teaching and learning of Spanish 2021/2022

INTENT

In our school, we believe that learning a foreign language is a necessary part of being a member of a multi-cultural society and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable children to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping children to study and work in other countries.

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.
- Children have weekly lessons in Spanish upwards from Year 3.

We took the decision two years ago to move to teaching Spanish as it is more widely spoken around the world. Areas taught include: greetings, classroom instructions, numbers, colours, house and home, in town, food and drink, the classroom, clothes, pets and hobbies. It is intended that when children leave Urchfont Primary with a natural curiosity and confidence to explore, other countries, cultures and languages, accepting that, in a multi-lingual society it is a valuable skill to be able to communicate effectively with others in

another language. They will be engaged, excited and well-prepared to continue language learning at secondary school.

IMPLEMENTATION

Through engaging, interactive Oak Academy lessons delivered by native Spanish speakers online and led by teachers in the school classrooms, pupils are taught to:

- Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes
- Engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help
- Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases · Present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences · Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing · Appreciate cultural and historical stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language · Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary · Write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clear · Describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing · Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied.