

# Spanish at St Agnes CE Primary School

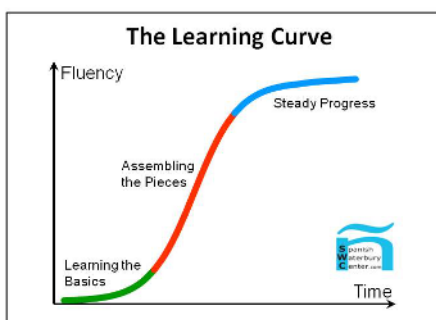
At St Agnes CE Primary School we provide an engaging and inspiring curriculum that promotes our core value of 'love to learn'. Based upon the needs of our children, families and the community, our curriculum aims to equip pupils in acquiring the cultural capital needed to flourish in education and beyond. We achieve this through a knowledge based and skills led approach, rich in language and vocabulary, supported through enriching experiences which allows all of our children to 'learn do well'. Pupils will leave St Agnes well prepared for the next stage of their education – enabling them to grow into active, responsible members of society 'living well together', in modern Britain.

## Why we teach Spanish

Our school is committed to fulfill the aims and targets that the National Curriculum sets for Modern Foreign Languages. Our pupils learn Spanish in a very dynamic approach based on practice from the get go. Having researched different schemes and lesson plans, we decided to build and develop our own scheme following the guidance of the National Curriculum.

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The learning curve for languages.

## How we teach Spanish

We are focused in developing the four key skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing through a variety of activities, pieces of reading, listening, songs etc. It is an approach based on the needs of our children - they play a key role in their own learning progress and they are aware, as individuals and as a class., of what success is in Spanish.

The children speak Spanish from their very first session and progressively learn and use new vocabulary on a daily basis and using appropriate verbs and sentences.

By the end of Year 6, they will have developed into independent learners of modern foreign language. Our target is to have them ready to carry on with this in their further education, being ready to express themselves in a new language. In St. Agnes Primary School, we think learning a new language it is a fascinating journey full of challenges and opportunities to grow and expand your own knowledge about the world and other cultures and societies.

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**“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom”**

**Roger Bacon.**

**“Do you know what a foreign accent is? It’s a sign of bravery”**  
**Amy Chua.**

**“Learn a language, and you’ll avoid a war”**  
**Arab Proverb.**

## What Spanish looks like at St Agnes?

Our purpose has been implementing Spanish in a natural approach to our pupils.

Encouraging them to explore the language itself, improve their skills and expand their knowledge.

Boost their curiosity and self learning.

CuSpanish is taught once a week in slots throughout KS2.

It is a practical lesson focused in developing 3 main skills: Listening, Speaking and Reading.

We use songs, flash cards, games, role playing, videos and other resources.

Books are used from Year 4 to Year 6 once each half term to cover writing.

They are records of what pupils have learnt.

Once a term, the children are assessed formatively, to track their progress.

Ongoing is the summative assessments made using teacher judgement, live marking and observations alongside the evidence in their books,