

SUBJECT: Spanish

YEAR: 8 & 9

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mrs V Wytchard

GROUPING POLICY: Spanish will be offered in alternate years to set 1-3 in the right and left populations.

COURSE CONTENT:

What will my child learn?

We follow the Mira Express course, studying book 1 in Year 8 and book 2 in Year 9.

In year 8 the following topic areas are covered:

- Personal information and classroom vocabulary.
- School subjects, a typical day and opinions.
- Family and physical descriptions.
- Home life and daily routine.
- Free time and what you are going to do.

In year 9:

- Places in town.
- Films, TV and invitations.
- Holidays and describing activities in the past.
- Food.
- Fashion.
- Health.

During the course, we aim to develop the 4 skill areas of: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

What will homework look like?

Students can expect to receive homework after every lesson. This will either be a short piece of writing, a comprehension exercise, learning vocabulary, preparation for a speaking activity or revision for an assessment. Students should spend about 30 minutes on their homework.

What enrichment opportunities are available?

- Language magazines.
- Language days.
- Language clubs/activities ran by the Language Ambassadors.

ASSESSMENT

How will my child's work be assessed?

There will be a formal assessment at the end of each module. There will be 4 or 5 assessments each year. Students will be assessed over the 2 years in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Spanish.

These assessments can help us monitor the students' progress and identify the national curriculum level that the students are working at. Individual targets can then be set for each student.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How can I support my child in this subject?

For many students help with learning vocabulary is very beneficial. Students will be given help and advice on the best way of learning that works for them. Parents can then help them with this, even though they do not speak Spanish themselves, by testing their children until they are able to spell the words correctly.

The BBC website has a beginners' course called La Vida Loca which takes the form of a mystery and is fun to watch. New language is explained in English and there are subtitles too.

Holidays in Spain are a wonderful motivator!