

MFL Vision Statement

At Alexandra Park Primary School we provide our children with a high-quality MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) education that engages and inspires children. Through MFL teaching children have the opportunity to discover various cultures, develop communication and social skills, and gain a greater understanding of language structure. They will learn key Spanish vocabulary and grammar, develop their understanding of different societies and ways of life, and engage in collaborative work with their peers to encourage their language and communication.

Care

Pupils are encouraged develop their appreciation of language and cultures. Through MFL children have the opportunity to discover various Spanish speaking countries and different traditions, which encourages their acceptance of the varied world around them. Additionally, MFL learning provides opportunities for children to work collaboratively with their peers, which helps to develop listening skills, and the awareness of different experiences and interests within their class.

Aspire

Learning another language enables children to gain an understanding of the world and people around them. Children have the opportunity to participate in celebration days and learn about a variety of traditions that take place across the Spanish-speaking world.

Achieve

Our MFL curriculum ensures that children achieve a balance of vocabulary knowledge, grammatical skills and cultural understanding throughout their MFL learning. Knowledge is built upon throughout units and connections are made to previous language skills to solidify understanding. Teachers ensure that children are supported through scaffolding and challenge ensuring that all pupils can achieve in every lesson.

Intent

Through MFL lessons, children are inspired to develop a curiosity and understanding of various cultures, societies and traditions across the Spanish-speaking world. Children gain confidence and communication skills through the use of collaborative work with their peers, and are encouraged to work on their speaking and listening skills. MFL covers a variety of topics to increase self-awareness, such as Presenting Myself, My Family, and Hobbies, and this work encourages the acceptance of different experiences and interests within their class. Additionally, children learn about Spanish cultures and traditions to develop their understanding of diverse places and people across the world. The MFL curriculum at Alexandra Park enables children to develop communication skills that are transferable to other subjects, and children are encouraged to recognise similarities and differences between Spanish and English. The curriculum is designed to ensure that as pupils progress through Key Stage 2, their understanding of the grammatical structure of Spanish is built-upon and develops in line with new vocabulary learning. Long term plans are designed to ensure that learning is sequential and developed over time, and allows children to build on prior knowledge to ensure that children know more and remember more.

Implementation

At Alexandra Park we implement an MFL curriculum that is engaging, inspiring and motivating. Spanish is taught across KS2 for approximately 30-60 minutes per week. Our teaching is supported by Language Angels, which ensures that all teachers can provide high-quality Spanish teaching, which is enhanced by the wide range of activities and resources available on Language Angels. This includes games, PowerPoints with audio clips, communication opportunities and worksheets to ensure that Spanish teaching is exciting and engaging.

MFL is taught as half-termly units, each unit focusing on a different topic of vocabulary. Each unit has progression through Language Angels resources, ranging from the learning of key words, to questioning and answering activities, and the production and understanding of full sentences. Additionally, grammar structures and phonics are taught and build progressively throughout the units to develop children's language skills. Connections between Spanish and English are made to reinforce learning where appropriate.

To support MFL lessons, children are encouraged to use Spanish phrases and vocabulary in a variety of situations, such as when taking the register, greetings and morning check-ins.

Impact

Evidence through pupil voice will show that children find MFL lessons exciting and engaging, and outcomes in Spanish folders will show that children can understand and write key Spanish vocabulary and phrases. Children will be able to listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. They will be able to communicate ideas, facts and feelings through discussion with their peers. Children will have an understanding of various Spanish cultures and traditions.