



Boorley Park Primary

Spanish

Intent, Implementation and Impact

Intent

The intention of the Spanish curriculum at Boorley Park Primary School is to nurture futures by equipping all pupils with a foundational knowledge of a modern foreign language, fostering a global perspective, and developing essential communication skills for life in an interconnected world. We ensure every child gains the core knowledge and skills needed for successful future language learning at secondary school and beyond. We want our pupils to have progressively covered the skills and concepts required in the National Curriculum. Pupils are taught to understand, speak, read, and write key vocabulary and phrases, building their confidence to communicate and take risks. Lessons actively engage pupils through authentic materials, songs, stories, and interactive activities, making learning joyful and memorable. Conversation practice is interwoven throughout all lessons enabling children to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation. Learning Spanish encourages pupils to understand, appreciate, and communicate with others from different backgrounds, promoting tolerance and mutual respect.

Implementation

At Boorley Park Primary School, our Key Stage 2 Spanish curriculum is implemented through one dedicated lesson per week for all children. We utilise the comprehensive Twinkl Spanish Programme as the foundational scheme of work. This program ensures that our curriculum is progressive and coherently structured, systematically building on the knowledge, skills, and understanding acquired in the preceding year and key stage.

- Progression and Prior Learning: The Twinkl curriculum focuses on the four key language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Each unit is designed to explicitly link back to prior learning (e.g., greetings, colours, numbers) and introduces new vocabulary, grammar, and phonics in a manageable sequence. This ensures that children constantly deepen their knowledge and confidence in communicating in Spanish. We emphasise building a strong foundation in core vocabulary and grammatical structures relevant to everyday topics (e.g., family, food, school).

- **Phonics and Pronunciation:** A key component of our implementation is the consistent teaching of Spanish phonics and pronunciation. Teachers ensure correct modelling and encourage children to articulate words and phrases accurately.
- **Effective Planning:** Teachers ensure lessons are planned effectively to maximise learning time. Planning includes clear learning objectives, structured activities that promote active language use (role-play, games, songs), and the preparation of resources required to deliver the Twinkl programme's content with accuracy and depth, including the use of native speaker audio where appropriate.

Our implementation prioritises an inclusive learning environment where every child can engage with and enjoy learning a new language.

- **Lessons are planned to support all learning abilities through effective differentiation.** This is crucial in language learning and includes:
 - Scaffolding for children who require additional support (e.g., providing word banks, sentence starters, visual aids, or pairing them with a confident speaker).
 - Challenging tasks for those who demonstrate a secure understanding (e.g., extended writing tasks, spontaneous conversational role-play, or researching cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking countries).
- **Active Language Use:** We encourage a high level of participation in Spanish during lessons, using simple classroom commands and greetings to embed the language in the daily routine.
- **Cultural Awareness:** The curriculum incorporates elements of Spanish culture, including geography, festivals, and traditions, to broaden the children's global understanding and enhance their motivation to learn the language.

Impact

Learning Spanish at Boorley Park establishes a robust and progressive foundation in the four key language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing). This systematic approach ensures a smooth and confident transition into Key Stage 3 language learning, providing our pupils with a distinct advantage as they continue their linguistic journey at secondary school.

Through dedicated teaching of Spanish language and culture, Boorley Park pupils gain a deep understanding of the importance of communication and an enhanced intercultural awareness. They appreciate diversity and are encouraged to view the world from different perspectives. This enriched global outlook allows them to progress confidently and responsibly in today's diverse, global society.

Ultimately, the curriculum is designed to ignite an enthusiasm and passion for language learning. Pupils leave Boorley Park with a sense of accomplishment, pride in their ability to communicate in Spanish, and a desire to explore other languages in the future.