

Woodland Spanish Policy

Overview

All pupils at Woodland Community Primary School will be given an opportunity to learn Spanish. They will be taught to express their ideas and thoughts in this language, to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and if appropriate to the age and stage of the learner in writing. The learning of Spanish will also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read a range of rhymes, songs, conversations and short stories from this language.

Aims

To teach pupils to understand and respond to spoken and written language using the Speekee scheme of work to scaffold and support this work.

To enable pupils to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and 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 as they progress through the key stage.

To teach pupils how to write at a varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt, if appropriate to the age and stage of the learner.

Strategies

The learning of Spanish will be on practical communication and teaching will provide an appropriate balance of spoken and written language.

Teaching will enable pupils to understand and communicate ideas, facts and feelings in speech and writing using their knowledge of phonology, grammatical structures and vocabulary.

Pupils will be given opportunities to listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.

Throughout the school, there will be good opportunities for them to explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes.

Teachers will provide opportunities for pupils to engage in conversations; ask and answer questions and express opinions.

Pupils will be taught how to speak in sentences; using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.

Teachers will ensure that pupils develop accurate pronunciation and intonation by modelling when reading aloud.

Pupils will learn how to read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple chunks of writing.

They will learn how to write phrases from memory and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly, describe people, places, things and actions when writing.

They will understand basic grammar; including feminine, masculine and the conjugation of high frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language, how to apply these to build sentences and discuss similarities and differences to English

Outcomes

The teaching of Spanish will provide the foundation for learning of further languages later in their education. It will provide an opening to a new country, culture and foster pupils curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.

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