

MFL Policy



Introduction:

At the New Wave Federation, our aim is to embed Spanish in our local community for the pupils to understand the purpose of learning a modern foreign language.

Learning a new language is key to securing our position in the global community we live in and by setting a starting point in our school, we can aim towards achieving this objective.

The learning of a second language will help our pupils to be successful in their professional future and to feel included in the wider society. At this stage our objective is to build pupil's curiosity and to develop a passion for Spanish.

We provide the children with engaging and fun activities to develop their linguistics skills and build on their enthusiasm and engagement. This begins in EYFS with informal lessons and educational games all the way to KS2, where our pupils will start to demonstrate an understanding of basic grammar and listening skills.

Aims:

To foster an interest in learning languages;

- to introduce pupils to another language in a way that promotes curiosity and wonder
- to know that languages have different structures
- to help our pupils develop an awareness of different cultures to embed a sense of international mindedness
- to lay the foundations for future learning.

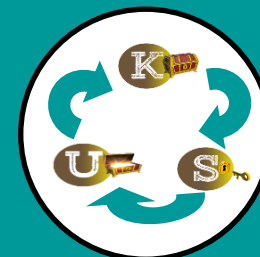
Mastering in the New Wave

New Wave teachers are focused on improving pupil's learning. We believe that differentiating between knowledge, skills and understanding is crucial in ensuring excellent progress is made by all. Learning languages is a valuable skill which our pupils will take with them into their adult life. Our Spanish curriculum helps our pupils remember new knowledge, develop and practice key skills and deepen their understanding of other cultures.

Specialist teachers provide our pupils with discrete Spanish teaching and learning opportunities using language themes from the National Curriculum Programmes of Study. Opportunities are used to make connections and reinforce English and Mathematics knowledge, skills and understanding. Our teachers also make links with our IPC curriculum to provide a whole-school learning experience.

The New Wave language curriculum is designed to ensure both continuity and progression across the school by teaching our pupils to:

- ask and answer questions
- improve pronunciation and intonation
- memorise words
- interpret meaning and use dictionaries
- understand basic grammar
- look at life in other cultures;
- communicate in another language;



Assessment:

New Wave teachers assess pupil's progress informally during the lessons, evaluating progress in listening and responding, speaking, reading and responding and writing. Teacher assessment is formative and used to inform planning. Each KS2 pupil has a Spanish portfolio which is shared with each new teacher as pupils progress through the school.

Personal Goals:

New Wave teachers believe the IPC Personal Goals build part of the foundation in nurturing pupils of the future. The personal goals help to develop both individual qualities and learning dispositions that allow pupils to grow in a rapidly changing world. New Wave teachers provide opportunities through modern foreign language teaching for pupils to practise and understand these goals within each learning task; ensuring our classroom practices and values allow our pupils to develop towards the school's shared vision. Our school motto, 'Excellence for All' is at the heart of all we do.

High Aspirations ○ High Standards ○ High Achievement