Year 7 Spanish: Curriculum Intent

The MFL department aims to provide students with an excellent foundation in language learning through a skills based curriculum, building students confidence in the four skills essential to learning a language; speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The Year 7 curriculum builds from basic vocabulary and sentences which allow students to give basic information about themselves to them being able to give opinions and reasons in Spanish about topics such as school and free time activities.

A range of knowledge and skills will be developed throughout each unit with repeated practice. Key structures sequenced through each topic so that via the constant repetition of familiar concepts with increasing complexity, our pupils will be able to make links between each area to develop their understanding of how Spanish works.

Year 7 Spanish Essential Knowledge Summary

Topic 1: My life

<u>Composite Knowledge:</u> Pupils will gain an understanding of how we structure and give basic information in Spanish

Component Knowledge:

Foundational Knowledge:

Declarative Knowledge:

- Spanish phonics
- Giving personal information
- Adjectives to describe personality
- Opinion phrases
- Numbers 1-31
- Months of the year
- Pets vocabulary
- Colour vocabulary

Procedural Knowledge:

- Asking and answering questions about ourselves
- Adjectival agreement
- Using the verb ser to describe ourselves
- Giving opinions

Upper Hierarchical Knowledge

- Recognising patterns in sentence structure.
- Understanding different sounds in Spanish.

Topic 2: My spare time

Composite Knowledge: Pupils will gain an understanding of how to describe what they do in their spare time and about sports in Spanish speaking countries.

Component Knowledge:

Foundational Knowledge:

Declarative Knowledge:

- Free time activities infinitive phrases
- Opinion phrases
- Frequency phrases
- Sports vocabulary
- Weather vocabulary
- Linked sentences using the phrases cuando or si

Procedural Knowledge:

- Opinion phrase + infinitive
- Use of adverbs of frequency to add detail
- Sentence structure for giving and justifying opinions
- How to conjugate -ar verbs in the present tense
- Understanding when to use hacer and jugar to say what sports I do
- Understanding longer written texts

Upper Hierarchical Knowledge

- Using connectives to give contrasting opinions
- Listening for gist and detail
- Focus on Spanish pronunciation

Topic 3: My school

<u>Composite Knowledge:</u> Pupils will gain an understanding of how to describe nouns and how to give opinions and reasons in Spanish

<u>Component Knowledge:</u> Foundational Knowledge:

Declarative Knowledge:

- School subject vocabulary
- Days of the week
- Opinions and reasons
- Some food and drink vocabulary
- School description vocabulary

Procedural Knowledge:

- Time sequencers
- Understanding verbs like 'me gusta'
- How to conjugate -er and -ir verbs in the present tense
- Use of hay and no hay
- Using connectives and negatives to make language more interesting

Upper Hierarchical Knowledge

- Using a variety of structures in writing connectives, negatives and qualifiers.
- Reading for detail and avoiding distractors.

Year 7 Final Composite Knowledge End Point

- Sentence structure in Spanish
- Opinions and reasons (positive and negative)
- Adjectival agreement
- Able to give introductory personal information
- Understanding longer texts in listening tasks
- Ability to describe nouns with adjectives.
- Cultural awareness of differences in Spanish school system.
- Cultural awareness of sports in Spanish speaking countries.
- Reading for detail and dealing with unexpected vocabulary in texts.