

Intent

There are many good reasons for learning a second language. Research has proven the cognitive benefits, such as memory improvement and longer attention span as well as improving critical thinking skills and enhancing social skills. Younger children are more open and receptive to language learning, and have an innate curiosity when learning a language, its new words and sounds. They are confident, curious and less anxious learners. This improves their chances of continuing with a foreign language when transitioning to secondary school. At Downsview, children from Reception to Year 6, are exposed to learning a modern foreign language every week, which will give them the skills and confidence for future learning of languages in secondary school and beyond.

Implementation

The Modern Foreign Languages taught at Downsview are Italian in KS1 and Spanish in KS2, both delivered by specialist teachers. Languages at Downsview are taught covering the 5 main language skills: Speaking, Reading, Comprehension, Writing and Grammar.

Students have an early introduction to Italian to prepare them for KS2 through songs, games and story reading. Students will start learning Italian phonics, basic vocabulary and syntactic structures, which will give them a head start in KS2 and will develop the right attitude and frame of mind for languages. The similarities between Spanish and Italian make possible the combination of both languages and children will use transferable skills to transition from one language to another. In KS2 the knowledge and understanding of this subject is taught in a way that engages children's imagination and curiosity about the Spanish and South American culture, as well as covering topics that are relevant and easy to apply in everyday situations.

KS2 - Spanish

Year	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Italian	Italian	Italian
Y1	Italian	Italian	Italian
Y2	Italian	Italian	Italian

Year 3 MFL Overview	Languages in the world / Spanish phonics	La Familia / Masculino y Femenino	All about myself	Likes and Dislikes	Numbers 1 to 100 Earth Day	Dates and Birthdays
Year 4 MFL Overview	The weather and the Seasons	What clothes do we wear in the different seasons?	Transports and going to places	Spanish speaking countries	Parts of the body / describing monsters	Describing people and personality
Year 5 MFL Overview	Describing myself (Physical and personality)	Describing feelings	What's the time?	Daily Routines using adverbs and times.	Looking after the environment / Conjugation of verbs	My house / Location of objects in the house / House chores
Year 6 MFL Overview	Going to the supermarket Your favourite food	Asking permission in class in class (¿Puedo?)	What will I be when I grow up? / Future tense	Our city / Giving and following directions	Our Environment / The cities of the future	Spanish and South American Art/Grammar Recap

Impact

Teaching will be good to outstanding in all year groups, resulting in progress being made with all groups of children.

Children will enjoy learning Spanish and will become confident in Spanish learning practically and engagingly.

Children will have a wider understanding of different cultures and languages.

Children will acquire a strong understanding of how to learn Modern Foreign Languages.

Children being secondary-ready in MFL by the end of KS2.