

### Intent

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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

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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   |  |
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| Reception           | Italian  |   | Italian   |  | Italian  |  |
| Y1                  | Italian  |   | Italian   |  | Italian  |  |
| Y2                  | Italian  |   | Italian   |  | Italian  |  |
| Year 3 MFL Overview | <a href="#">Languages in the world / Spanish phonics</a>     | <a href="#">La Familia / Masculino y Femenino</a>                 | <a href="#">All about myself</a>                              | <a href="#">Likes and Dislikes</a>                         | <a href="#">Numbers 1 to 100 Earth Day</a>                           | <a href="#">Dates and Birthdays</a>  |
| Year 4 MFL Overview | <a href="#">The weather and the Seasons</a>                  | <a href="#">What clothes do we wear in the different seasons?</a> | <a href="#">Transports and going to places</a>                | <a href="#">Spanish speaking countries</a>                 | <a href="#">Parts of the body / describing monsters</a>              | <a href="#">Describing people and personality</a>                          |
| Year 5 MFL Overview | <a href="#">Describing myself (Physical and personality)</a> | <a href="#">Describing feelings</a>                               | <a href="#">What's the time?</a>                              | <a href="#">Daily Routines using adverbs and times.</a>    | <a href="#">Looking after the environment / Conjugation of verbs</a> | <a href="#">My house / Location of objects in the house / House chores</a> |
| Year 6 MFL Overview | <a href="#">Going to the supermarket Your favourite food</a> | <a href="#">Asking permission in class in class (¿Puedo?)</a>     | <a href="#">What will I be when I grow up? / Future tense</a> | <a href="#">Our city / Giving and following directions</a> | <a href="#">Our Environment / The cities of the future</a>           | <a href="#">Spanish and South American Art/Grammar Recap</a>               |

### Impact

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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.