

## **St Anne's Catholic Primary School**

### **Modern Foreign Language (Spanish) Policy**

#### **Introduction**

At St Anne's all children are given the opportunity to develop an awareness and understanding of a modern foreign language, (Spanish), its relevance to their lives and to intercultural understanding.

The study of Languages prepares pupils to participate in a rapidly changing world in which work and other activities are increasingly carried out in languages other than English. Pupils use languages to communicate information responsibly and creatively. They learn how to use languages to enable access to ideas and experiences from a wide range of people, communities and cultures. In addition, understanding a modern foreign language increases a child's understanding of their own language. The process of learning a foreign language reinforces fluency and understanding of grammar, syntax, sentence structure and verbal precision. Increased capability in the use of languages can also promote initiative and independent learning and encourages diversity within society.

#### **Aims**

- To introduce to the children an awareness of other languages and cultures.
- To foster an enjoyable atmosphere in which to learn a new language.
- To foster an interest in the subject so that the children are stimulated to learn more.
- To develop the rudiments of the language into a useful tool over time.
- To emphasise similarities and differences between our cultures.
- To aid geographical and cultural knowledge of Europe.
- To develop in each child the confidence to speak Spanish.
- To promote the listening and understanding skills of each child.
- To instil the confidence in each child to read and write the Spanish language.
- To encourage a climate of helpfulness between members of the peer group of differing abilities.
- To ensure that all children can participate equally in the study of Spanish regardless of race, creed, gender or ability.

## **Organisation**

At St Anne's KS2 children are taught Spanish each week by our teachers.

## **The curriculum**

The curriculum that we follow is based on the guidance given in the revised National Curriculum. We teach the children to know and understand how to:

- ask and answer questions;
- use correct pronunciation and intonation;
- memorise words;
- interpret meaning;
- understand basic grammar;
- work in pairs and groups, and communicate in the other language;
- look at life in another culture.

## **Teaching and learning style**

We base the teaching on the guidance material in the National Curriculum scheme of work for modern foreign languages. We have adapted this to the context of our school and the abilities of our children.

- Spanish teaching focuses on multi-sensory learning which is fun and effective.
- Children use stimulating and motivating materials which are designed to be interactive.
- Wherever possible, children are encouraged to use the language presented to them.
- As much pupil participation as possible is required, other than repetition, important though this is.
- Oral, listening, reading and writing skills are all challenged at various times.
- Wherever possible, recordings of native Spanish speakers are used.

This policy will be implemented with due regard to the Equalities Act 2010 which ensures the right of all to freedom from discrimination within the Education Service.