



Spanish

YEAR 7

Lesson(s) per week	3
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Homework per week	1
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Course content/description

Topics we cover include: Classroom objects, instructions, interactional language;

School, comparing British system with Spanish system;

Giving and understanding personal information, hobbies, family, animals;

Where we live and ideal home; Time; Giving opinions

Cultural aspects of life in Spanish-speaking countries are explored through poems, songs, film clips, film studies and conversations with our Spanish assistants

Citizenship is also incorporated in our lessons through cultural activities we cover all year, and our film study of "Viva Cuba" at the end of the year when we develop cultural awareness of life in a very different society.

Language-learning skills and linguistic features include:

Alphabet, use of accents, sound patterns;

Use of nouns – masculine/ feminine/ plural; adjectives, possessive adjectives, adverbs;

Dictionary skills;

Present + near future tenses;

Basics of translating;

Assessment

Skills assessed are Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Pupils are formally assessed in at least one skill per half term by their teacher.

Teachers follow our assessment calendar which ensures that the skills are rotated throughout the year, and this prepares pupils for the end-of-year assessment.

Books/other/materials/visits

Each pupil is issued with a textbook to support their work in Spanish. For Year 7, we use Mira 1.

Pupils regularly use our dedicated computer room to practise their language skills and take advantage of the websites we subscribe to, linguascope and languageskills.

Pupils have regular contact with our Spanish-speaking language assistants to experience communicating with a native speaker.

What help can be given at home?

Pupils should spend time each week reviewing class notes and learning new vocabulary encountered in lessons, including spellings and punctuation. It is very helpful to test pupils on this vocabulary, lists can be found at the end of each module in the textbook.

Pupils can also use the websites linguascope and languageskills to review topics covered and expand vocabulary further.

Providing a Spanish/ English dictionary is a huge support for learning at home and at school.