



Spanish

YEAR 8

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

Topics we cover include:

Friendship, family, daily routine, hobbies

In town, invitations; Holidays and activities on holiday;

Eating and drinking, preferences Healthy living, Spanish customs;

Clothes, describing uniform, researching traditional dress in Spanish-speaking countries.

Cultural aspects of life in Spanish-speaking countries and Citizenship are explored through poems, songs, research into Spanish traditions and conversations with our Spanish assistants; film project on 'Mortadelo y Filemón'.

Language-learning skills and linguistic features include:

Developing understanding of pronunciation and intonation;

Further work on conjugating verbs in present tense; modal verbs;

Introduction to the Preterit tense; Use of adjectives and comparisons;

Asking and answering questions in different tenses;

Transactional language, ordering and responding to orders in a restaurant;

Revising numbers and prices; Working out meaning and developing resilience;

Using a dictionary to add variety and interest; Developing translating skills;

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 8, we use Mira 2.

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.