



Spanish

YEAR 9

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

Topics we cover include:

Talking about free-time activities and media – tv, music, films, computers.

Describing school and extending opinions.

Talk about health, illnesses, offering advice and remedies; healthy living and lifestyle.

Cultural aspects of life in Spanish-speaking countries and Citizenship are explored through poems, songs, research into Spanish music and television, researching the Mediterranean diet, consideration of a healthy diet as a human right; conversations with our Spanish assistants; project on Spanish-speaking countries and the environment; film project on human rights: Voces Inocentes

Language-learning skills and linguistic features include:

Further work on Present Tenses verbs, including stem-changing verbs;

Use of 3 tenses – Preterit, Present, Future; using Conditional tense

Spotting patterns and rules for gender of nouns; Use of pronouns;

Comparatives and superlatives; Agreeing and disagreeing, persuading;

Building complex sentences;

Developing resilience when faced with an authentic text; Learning strategies.

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 9, we use Mira 3 rojo/verde.

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.