

Year 8 Spanish Curriculum



In Year 8 you will learn the language (vocabulary and grammar) by developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the topic areas listed below. As part of the course, your knowledge of the cultural life in Spanish-speaking countries will give you a better understanding of how people live there.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following skills:

- **In Listening & Reading:** Understanding key classroom commands, recognising the present and the immediate future tenses, understanding longer passages containing opinions and justifications with both familiar and unfamiliar language from authentic sources.
- **In Speaking & Writing:** Responding to a range of questions including the present and immediate future tense, developing longer answers/sentences using connectives and time phrases and including descriptions, opinions and justifications.
- **Translation:** Translating familiar sentences and short paragraphs into both Spanish and English.
- **Pronunciation:** Developing the accuracy of pronunciation and intonation.

You will explore the following **key topics**:

The alphabet, Numbers 1 – 100 and dates, Classroom language, Introducing yourself, Countries and nationalities, Family, Animals and pets, School, Personal descriptions, Food, Local area, Clothing, weather

You will come across the following **cultural aspects** throughout the year:

- *National holidays and festivals (Christmas, Easter, Carnaval)*
- *A variety of local festivals in Spain*
- *Countries in the Spanish-speaking world*
- *Spanish songs and literature*

You will practise the following **grammar points** throughout the year:

- *Phonics*
- *Nouns & articles*
- *Adjectives and adjective endings*
- *Present tense (regular verbs)*
- *Present tense (irregular verbs ir, ser, tener)*
- *Immediate future tense*

Use the checklist below to ensure that your answers are successful:

- ✓ 1. Use a wide range of vocabulary
- ✓ 2. Regular learning of topic specific language
- ✓ 3. include new grammar structures in your work
- ✓ 4. check spelling and accents
- ✓ 5. develop and extend sentences with connectives
- ✓ 6. recognise and use different opinions
- ✓ 7. justify your opinions
- ✓ 8. structure your work clearly
- ✓ 9. Use your knowledge of language patterns
- ✓ 10. Identify and use cognates in your work
- ✓ 11. Include a variety of adjectives and adverbs
- ✓ 12. Learn and apply your knowledge of the present and immediate future tenses

Your teacher may refer to these numbers to help you to improve your work

You will be assessed in a combination of End of Unit tasks.

Your teacher will assess your work in the following skills:

Listening
Speaking
Reading
Writing