



## Year 8 Spanish Curriculum Map



In Year 8 you will continue your learning of the Spanish language with the building blocks of Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar so that you will improve your ability to speak and write Spanish accurately. Your Spanish Language Guide contains everything you are learning and you can refer to it throughout the year to support your work. You will also find out about the culture and traditions of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries and the people who live there.

Phonics	Vocabulary	Grammar
<p>You will continue to learn how to pronounce sequences of sounds and words correctly by practising all of the SSCs (sound symbol correspondence)* regularly.</p> <p><i>*SSCs are letters or clusters of letters that are pronounced in a specific way. Put them together and you can pronounce Spanish words well!</i></p>	<p>Your Spanish Language Guide has all the Stage 1 vocabulary we will learn during the course and it is based on the most frequently used words in the Spanish language.</p> <p>We will continue the Stage 1 Language Guide, progressing to the Stage 2 Language Guide this year.</p> <p><i>It's important to learn vocabulary thoroughly so you can understand the words you read or hear, and have a wide choice of words to use in speaking and writing.</i></p>	<p>This is how we put language together to give it meaning. You will practise the following throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nouns &amp; Plurals</li><li>• Gender &amp; Articles</li><li>• Present tense (regular verbs)</li><li>• Present tense (irregular verbs ir, ser, estar, tener)</li><li>• Adjectives &amp; adjectival agreement</li><li>• Immediate future tense</li><li>• Negation</li><li>• Word order</li></ul>

You will find out about these aspects of **Spanish culture**:

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

You will practise these **language skills**:

**Listening:** to your teacher, to recorded texts, to each other

**Speaking:** practising pronunciation, asking and answering questions, presenting information and opinions

**Reading:** words, sentences, short texts, printed and handwritten

**Writing:** spelling, forming sentences, creating dialogues, translating from English to Spanish / Spanish to English.

Your teacher will **assess your progress** through your class work (spoken and written) and homework. You will sometimes have tests on learning homework tasks. You will also reflect on your own progress and set targets.

### Top tips for success

Now you've learnt the SSC's, keep practising them. Also learn **vocabulary** very regularly. 'Little and often' is what works: perhaps 5-10 words twice a week using your Spanish Language Guide.

These 7 ways of memorising words help many learners:

1. Make flashcards
2. Invent rhymes and raps
3. Teach the words to someone else
4. Stick up 'word' post-its where you will see them everyday
5. Take part in the Spelling Bee
6. Think about each word: what does it remind you of?
7. Quizlet: your Language Guide has all the QR codes for fast access.



### Use this checklist to ensure that you can identify your progress in Spanish throughout the year:

- Have you identified letters carefully and used capital letters where required?
- Is your pronunciation / spelling good?
- Have you expressed opinions?
- Have you extended some sentences with connectives?
- Have you checked the grammar of your sentences?

### Useful websites for learning Spanish:

#### Online Dictionaries

- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)
- [www.spanishdict.com](http://www.spanishdict.com)

PLEASE don't use Google Translate - it won't help you learn and usually gives the wrong answer!

#### Vocabulary Learning

- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) → username: ..... / password: .....
- [www.onlinefreespanish.com](http://www.onlinefreespanish.com)

#### Grammar Learning

- [www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com)
- [www.spanishdict.com](http://www.spanishdict.com)
- [www.123teachme.com](http://www.123teachme.com)

#### Listen to Spanish music to help your listening skills - it's fun too! Some recommendations:

- Enrique Iglesias, Shakira, Luis Fonsi, Ozuna, Rosalía, Becky G
- Dvicio, CNCO, Álvaro Soler, Efecto Pasillo, Nicky Jam
- Aitana, Ana Guerra, Diana Fuentes, Sofía Reyes, Kevin y Karla (K&K do Spanish covers of English songs)

