

Learning Spanish at Nettlestone Primary School



We are incredibly proud of the opportunities in Spanish that we offer learners at Nettlestone Primary School. Please read on to find out more about what it is like to learn Spanish at our school.



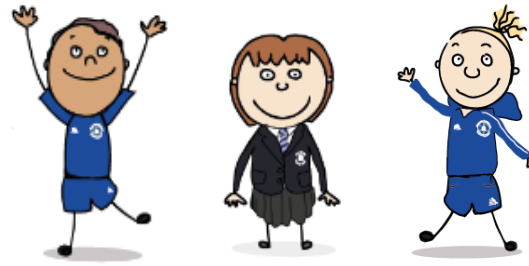
I like Spanish lessons because they're always fun, I learn lots, and Miss Beale is very funny and friendly.
(EM Y4)



Our children are very positive about their Spanish lessons.

Why are we learning Spanish?

Statement of Intent:



Although we live on an Island, we recognize that to thrive in our fast-changing and diverse world not only do we need to feel confident in our sense of self, but we need to be open to engaging positively with other identities and cultures. Learning a foreign language plays a vital role in this aim and through our teaching of Spanish, we strive to foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. We passionately believe that learning a foreign language should be a dynamic and engaging experience with meaningful links to learning in other curriculum areas. Use of a wide range of songs, games and stories is integral to our teaching and means that the Spanish curriculum is accessible for all children. Each pupil is encouraged to develop a resilient learning attitude and to be the very best that they can be. We strive to make sure that being able to express their thoughts and opinions in another language, as well as understanding and responding to its speakers, both in speech and in writing, is an exciting and rewarding experience for our children. We are also committed to providing a range of opportunities for children to celebrate their developing knowledge and skills with the wider school community. We know that our dedication to providing a quality learning experience at this stage will pave the foundations for our children to successfully learn further languages, and for some of them it may even prove a catalyst to life-enriching opportunities such as eventually studying and working abroad.



How do we use our Spanish?

At school...



Fun!

At home...



With our friends...

To sing songs...

Assemblies...

Reading...



In role-plays...



With our families...

Story-telling and listening to stories...



Writing...



What strategies help us to learn?

- ✓ We use a game to help remember words
- ✓ We use a rhyme to remember words
- ✓ We use songs to help learn words and phrases
- ✓ We say words to a rap or a beat
- ✓ We learn several words or phrases at once
- ✓ We ask someone to speak more slowly
- ✓ We use gesture or mime to show we understand
- ✓ We record ourselves to hear whether our pronunciation is good
- ✓ We practise new words by saying them under our breath
- ✓ We think of something funny to remind us of a word
- ✓ We work with a friend to make up a role play or a sketch
- ✓ We look at the face of the person speaking to us and listen carefully

Listening

We aim to:

- Understand the teacher's instructions
- Play games like 'Pedro Dice'
- Recognize important words in a story or song
- Match words we hear with pictures
- Act out the meaning of sentences
- Do actions to a story or song as we hear it
- Follow a short story
- Understand a range of different stories
- Understand questions about ourselves
- Follow someone else's conversation



Teaching our parents the Spanish version of 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'....



Speaking

We aim to:

- Count from 1-10; count in 10s up to 100; say all numbers up to 100
- Say the alphabet and use it to spell our names
- Sing a song
- Say a rhyme
- Say the days of the week
- Say the months
- Name classroom objects
- Name school subjects
- Name some foods
- Name some animals
- Name colours
- Name family members
- Simply describe people
- Talk about where we live
- Express our likes and dislikes
- Act in a sketch or role play
- Use vocabulary from stories we have learnt



Talking to Someone

We aim to:

- Say 'please' and 'thank-you'
- Say how we are
- Tell somebody our name and ask theirs
- Have a conversation involving asking and responding to questions about our names, age and where we live
- Say if we have brothers or sisters and understand someone saying if they have brothers or sisters
- Say if we have pets, what they are and how many, and understand somebody talking about their pets
- Talk about our likes and dislikes and ask others about theirs
- Discuss our hobbies
- Order food in a café or restaurant
- Talk about where we live and ask others about where they live



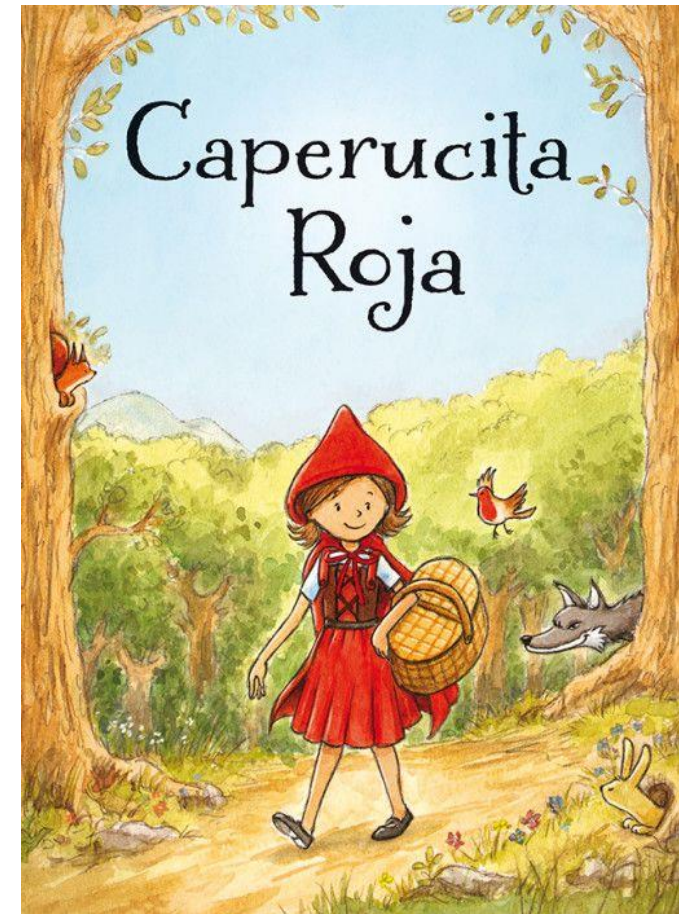
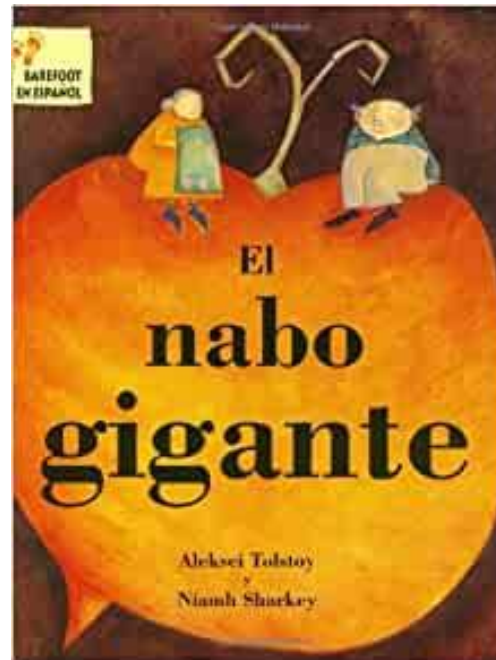
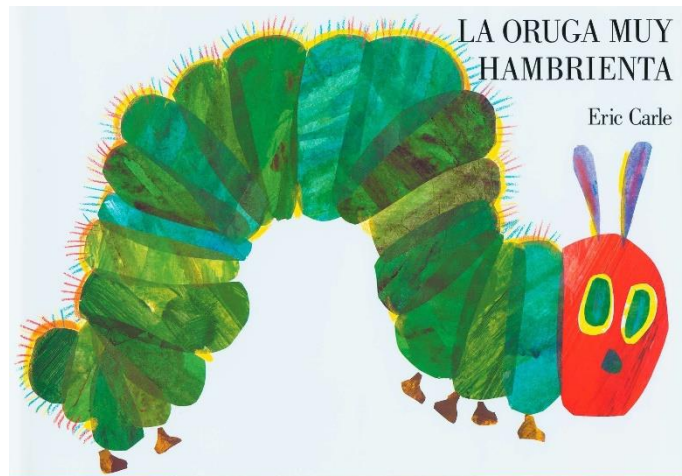
Involving our parents in Spanish role plays...



Reading

We aim to:

- Read vocabulary we use in our speaking
- Read a short dialogue
- Read a post-card
- Read an e mail
- Read a poem
- Read a short story



Writing

We aim to:

- Label objects
- Write our names, ages and where we live
- Write a dialogue
- Write a postcard
- Write a short e mail



What are our goals?



Cultural Capital



We aim to:

- Understand that there are different languages spoken in Spain and that the language we are learning, that is commonly referred to as 'Spanish', is only one of them, which is actually 'Castellano'
- Extend our knowledge and understanding of the world through locating places where Spanish is spoken
- Understand the importance of polite greetings
- Learn about Spanish traditions and celebrations
- Make links between Spanish words and more ambitious vocabulary in our own language (eg 'tranquilo' and 'tranquil') and use this to broaden our English vocabulary too



What are our goals?



What we say about our learning:

I enjoy Spanish. I like that Miss Beale includes Spanish in the classroom even when it is not a Spanish lesson in the morning. It has helped me learn how to use what I have learned in Spanish. Spanish is something I would love to get even better at because my uncle was born in Peru. My cousins can speak Spanish and English (American), so I can also speak to them in Spanish. I also speak Hungarian because my mum was born there. What I like about speaking in another language is that sometimes you can express yourself differently.

JR Y6 Boy

I like Spanish for several different reasons; I like it because Miss Beale is a really nice teacher as well as being good at Spanish and helping us learn. Also I think being able to speak different languages is really cool so I would love to speak fluent Spanish and it's fun to go home and know things my parents don't and teach them what I have learnt. **AJ Y5 Girl**

The thing I enjoyed the most this year was looking after the stick insects and the Spanish assembly. **ME Y6 Girl**

This year I have enjoyed learning Spanish and cooking. **Y6 Girl (SEN)**

