

1. Curriculum Aims and Intent

At Lady Bay there is a long tradition of teaching languages. We believe that every child should have the opportunity throughout Key Stage 2 to study a Modern Foreign Language. The aims are to learn about and foster an interest in another language and culture other than their own. This will enable them to develop personal qualities, skills, knowledge and understanding, and to make a major contribution to their communication and literacy skills. They will also raise awareness of other cultures through intercultural understanding.

In our school, we teach Spanish to all KS2 children as part of the normal school curriculum. We do, however, introduce children in Foundation and KS1 to key words and ideas through a variety of language themes and culture days. We have also introduced children in Y1 and Y2 to key words and ideas through Spanish Ambassadors, that deliver 10 minute mini-lessons each week. Most children enjoy learning about other cultures and the earlier a child is exposed to a foreign language, the faster and more confidently they acquire it as they tend to be less conscious about speaking aloud. Research shows that the early acquisition of a foreign language can facilitate the learning of other foreign languages later in life.

Intent

- To teach Spanish to all children from Y3 to Y6.
- To foster curiosity and interest in learning other languages and develop an enthusiastic and positive attitude to other languages and language learning.
- To build upon children's knowledge, understanding and skills following the expectations of the National Curriculum, 2014 for Languages.
- To develop their speaking and listening skills.
- To become increasingly familiar with the sounds and written form of a modern foreign language.
- To develop a positive understanding of their own lives in the context of exploring the lives of others.
- To aim for Spanish to be embedded across the wider curriculum and linked to a wider international dimensions across all subject areas.
- To help pupils to develop language learning skills and strategies which can be contextually transferable, forming a sound basis for further language learning at Key Stage 3 and beyond.
- To raise awareness of cultural differences both in Britain and in other countries and to help children appreciate different cultures.