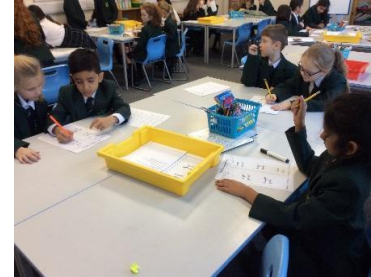




Intent

A high-quality language education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. Spanish at Oak Hill Academy offers a coherently planned sequence of lessons, ensuring progressive coverage of the skills as set out in the national curriculum. The curriculum has been chosen to allow opportunities for children to build on their basic skills and progress to more complex language concepts so that learners can know more, do more and remember more. The curriculum enables children to express their ideas and thoughts in Spanish, providing opportunities for them to interact and communicate with others for practical purposes both in speech and in writing. Oak Hill aims to inspire pupils to develop a love of languages and expand their horizons to other countries, cultures and people, which additionally aligns with our British Values. We intend to help children grow into curious, confident and reflective language learners and to provide them with a foundation that will equip them for further language studies and a prosperous future.



Implementation

All children have access to high-quality learning and lessons are sequenced so that prior learning is considered and opportunities for revision of Spanish and grammatical concepts are built into lessons. A language specialist teacher delivers the curriculum at Oak Hill and lessons are organised around age-related topics/themes and where suitable link to No Limits Assignment topics. Lessons teach language structure and grammatical rules as well as offering insight into the culture of Spanish-speaking countries and communities. Resources are available to help all children build on previous knowledge alongside the introduction of new skills. Revised star vocabulary and grammatical structures are featured in display materials and resources so that children have opportunities to continuously repeat and revise their learning. Lessons are further supplemented with fun audio materials with Spanish native speakers to provide an authentic experience to further engage the children in their learning. The curriculum is carefully designed to offer appropriate levels of challenge and scaffolding so pupils learn effectively.



Impact

A full range of engaging resources, consistent display materials, and regular, authentic teaching increases the profile of Spanish across the school. The learning environment is consistent with star vocabulary displayed in classrooms and is used by all learners when speaking and writing. Progressive lessons across the school consistently leads itself to whole-school engagement through activities such as organised Spanish afternoons and demonstrations in year group assemblies. Children across the school love Spanish and participate with passion in all speaking, listening and singing activities during lessons. Key questioning skills are organically built into lessons and meaningful child-led assessments are employed to stretch, deepen and support the learning. The pupils at Oak Hill are curious, confident and reflective language learners, who are equipped with the linguistic skills to take their language studies further in the future and use their gained knowledge to widen their opportunities and experiences beyond primary school and in a fast paced 21st century world.

