

# MFL (Spanish) Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 (2023)

## ¡Bienvenidos!

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Autumn 2 MFL newsletter.

This term, we will be planning an exciting Year 5 trip to Tenerife, Spain as part of a project we will be participating in with our partner school there. Year 5 pupils who are interested in taking part have submitted their applications and participants will be finalised this term. The trip will take place in Spring 2023. At the Viridis Federation, we are excited to continue to offer our pupils the opportunity to participate in enriching educational trips abroad.

As you read this curriculum newsletter, you will see that 'the weather' is a theme which appears across Years 2, 3 and 6. This links to our curriculum aim in which children continue to progress and build on their previous knowledge and understanding of the language. This ensures that our pupils know more and remember more.

If you need to contact us, please leave a message at the school office.

**Señorita Colbron & Señorita Perez**

## La Cultura

### Feliz Navidad/Merry Christmas

Christmas is called "Navidad" in Spanish, which means nativity. Many Spanish-speaking homes at Christmas time display a nativity scene ("portal"), which serves as the focus for the Christmas celebration together with the Christmas tree.

The Twelve Grapes ("Las doce uvas de la suerte") is a tradition that consists of eating a grape with each bell strike at midnight on 31st of December. According to tradition, this leads to a year of prosperity.

In Spain, the Three Wise Men ("los reyes magos") bring presents to children on the 6th of January, the same day they gave presents to baby Jesus.



# ¿Qué vamos a aprender? (What are we going to learn?)

## Reception

This term we will continue to practise responding to classroom instructions in Spanish before moving on to counting numbers from 0- 6 and saying our age in Spanish. The term will end by learning about how some Spanish-speaking children celebrate Christmas around the world.

## Year 1

This half term, we will learn how to name pets in Spanish and extend our sentences using our knowledge of colours. We will revisit our knowledge on asking for permission so that we can apply our Spanish language skills throughout the school day e.g. '¿Puedo ir al servicio, por favor?' (Can I go to the toilet, please?)

## Year 2

Our focus will be saying the date in Spanish and describing the weather using simple phrases e.g. Hoy hace frío (Today it is cold). We will review our knowledge of days and months through song as well as recognise and read simple Spanish words out loud. We will also create mini weather diaries to describe the weather on different days of the week!

## Key Stages 1 & 2

### Key Stage 1

Pupils will be responding to the language and speaking with support.

### Key Stage 2

Pupils will be taking part in questions and answers, role-playing, reading and writing words in Spanish.

## All pupils

All pupils are encouraged to take an active and creative part in lessons through memory games, songs, pair, group and team work. The children develop language skills by discussing similarities and differences as well as making links with other languages they already know. Why not encourage your child to teach you some of the words, phrases and songs he or she already knows?



## Year 3

This half term, we will learn about animals of the rainforest and practise how to describe them by their size and colour. Our focus will be to speak and write in longer sentences in Spanish.

## Year 4

This half term our theme is "In the town" (En mi ciudad). We will learn to name places in our city, practising our strategies to identify pronunciation patterns in different words. Our challenge will be to use adjectives to expand our sentences and give our opinions on the places in our city.

## Year 5

This term, we will be extending our knowledge of adjectives when describing others. As well as taking part in speaking and listening activities, we will focus on specific Spanish sounds (el alfabeto) to develop our pronunciation and we will build confidence in applying verbs in the third person e.g. 'Es trabajador y generoso.' (He is hardworking and generous).

## Year 6

We will extend our knowledge of the weather by researching different weather patterns and seasons in the UK and in other Spanish-speaking countries. To demonstrate the depth of our knowledge, we will prepare and record our own TV weather forecasts to support our presentation and communication skills.