



Year 8

Department of Spanish (Fast Track)

OVERVIEW

Skills Developed

- Listening, Speaking, Reading, Translating and Writing in Spanish
- A wider awareness of Spanish life and culture
- There will be assessments in all skills (listening, reading, speaking, translation and writing) throughout the year graded according to the departmental marking policy.

Topics covered

The introduction includes numbers, greetings, spelling, classroom objects and language – introducing yourself and your family, talking about school and daily routine, home, town, food and shopping, clothes and uniform.

Students will use the text book during the year.

A glossary of key vocabulary is at the back of the text book

Grammar will include:

- Masculine and feminine articles
- Simple present tense of key verbs
- Reflexive verbs in the present tense
- Adjectives and agreement
- Structures for asking questions and giving opinions.
- Revision of present tense - regular + irregular verbs
- Introduction to the immediate future tense

Grammar is covered throughout the text book with useful verb tables at the back.

How we assess your daughter's progress

- There will be regular vocabulary and grammar tests, as well as end-of-unit assessments in one of these different skills: Writing, Listening, Reading and Speaking.
- Homework will be given after every lesson (20 minutes) and may be learning for a vocabulary test, or revising for an end-of-unit test, or may be a reading exercise or a short piece of writing.
- All creative writing assessments will be marked and your daughter will be given clear guidance on what she has done well and what she needs to do in order to improve.
- Progress of the class will be assessed during lessons and your daughter's teacher will adapt the lesson content according to the needs of the class.

How we support and develop your daughter

Support Material:

They are supported by a range of worksheets and supplementary materials

Year 8 Spanish additional materials are in the Curriculum Shared Area and are updated regularly.

Suggested websites include:

- www.languageskills.co.uk
- www.memrise.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/
- www.duolingo.com

How you can help your daughter

- She could use a dictionary to find more unusual and original vocabulary and move up to higher levels. This includes nouns, adjectives and linking words.
- You could ask her to learn 10 of her own new words every week and test her over breakfast!
- Encourage her to listen and read Spanish for pleasure, by tuning into Spanish radio, TV or trying one of the websites above. There are Spanish magazines in the school library with games and activities. For your own subscription go to Mary Glasgow magazines at: <http://www.link2english.com/Kids/kids.htm>

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