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Year 8

Department of Spanish

OVERVIEW

Skills Developed

- Listening, Speaking, Reading, Translating and Writing in Spanish
- A wider awareness of Spanish life and culture
- There will be written assessments throughout the year
- They will be graded according to the departmental marking policy, for homework and class work.

Topics covered

Personal information – Food and healthy diet – Shopping – Cinema, films and arranging to go out – Clothes and uniform – World of Work - Health and fitness, parts of the body, at the pharmacy and the doctor, an introduction to Hispanic festivals.

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

Grammar will include:

- Revision of present tense - regular + irregular verbs
- Introduction to Immediate Future
- Infinitive structures
- Comparatives, Adverbs, object pronouns

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:

Textbooks are 'Listos 2'. 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.linguascope.com
- www.conjuguemos.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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