

# Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)



## The National Curriculum

The National Curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- ♣ understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.
- ♣ Speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.
- ♣ Can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.
- ♣ Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

## Our vision and intent

Here at Belvoirdale, we aim to introduce children to another language in a way that is enjoyable and fun. The teaching should also provide opportunities for children to communicate for practical purposes and to learn new ways of thinking. We hope to enable children to use their knowledge with growing confidence, both to understand what they hear and read, and to express themselves in speech and writing. It is intended that when children leave Belvoirdale, that they will not only be engaged and prepared to continue learning a language at Secondary school but they will also have a natural curiosity and confidence to explore other countries, cultures and languages, understanding that, in a multi-lingual society it is a valuable skill to be able to communicate effectively with others in another language.

## Context

MFL is taught to Years 3,4,5 and 6. Although MFL is only statutory in key stage 2, to prepare our pupils for their learning, we begin laying foundations in KS1 with basic greetings during register taking and in whole school MFL days.

The focus language for our lessons is 'Spanish' – Spanish is spoken in 21 countries worldwide and Spain is a common holiday destination for our children.

We follow the 'Languagenut' scheme of work to ensure coverage and progression across school. The schools pays for a subscription to access languagenut allowing every pupil in KS2 to have their own personal log in.



Areas covered in lessons include: greetings, pets/animals, numbers, colours, days of the week, face/body parts, hobbies and family. Other areas such as food and festivals are covered during our MFL whole school event days. In the Spring Term, we will be having a *Spanish Day* with flamenco dancing, food tasting and castanet making!

