

# St Paul's CE Primary School, Utkinton & Cotebrook

## Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum



Here at St Paul's CE Primary School, we are proud to provide excellent care and outstanding education for children from three to eleven years old in our unique, picturesque setting. Our Christian vision is at the heart of all we do, and we endeavour to provide a personalised curriculum to each and every child.

Our small class sizes allow us to give each child a high level of support and guidance. We take care to ensure that we know every child's starting points and we adapt our teaching to meet their needs, meaning every pupil is experiencing challenge and success.

Our Foreign Languages curriculum is delivered by a specialist Spanish teacher from KidsLingo and is delivered through actions, rhymes and stories giving children the opportunity to explore the language in a fun and engaging way.

## Our MFL Curriculum

*"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."*

*Nelson Mandela*

*'A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing.'* (National Curriculum 2014 – Appendix A)

### Intent

The skills, knowledge and understanding gained through learning a language contribute to the development of children's oracy and literacy and to their understanding of their own culture and those of others. At St. Paul's, we feel that the earlier a child is exposed to a foreign language, the faster the language in question is acquired. We believe that the early acquisition of Spanish will facilitate the learning of other foreign languages later in life, equipping children to study and work in other countries. We will prepare children for the KS3 language curriculum to enable them to transfer confidently and successfully.

### Implementation

At St. Paul's EYFS, KS1 and KS2 have a weekly Spanish lesson with a specialist Spanish Teacher, from KidsLingo.

Teaching is delivered through actions, rhymes, songs, games and stories giving children the opportunity to practise their vocabulary, pronunciation and accent.

Class Teachers will supplement this lesson through the week to revisit the language in daily communications. For example, registration, date in days and month of the year, recapping colours in art.

The importance of learning different languages will be promoted and celebrated on European Day of Languages and the Eurovision Song Contest.

Children will explore language and traditions through 'Christmas around the World' activities.

Children will also explore 'el mundo hispánico' looking at different Spanish Speaking countries and consider how learning a language can open doors for them in the future.

Experiencing food that originated from different countries around the world for example, croissants, fromage frais, paella, Tapas etc.

### Impact

Children will become aware that a language has a structure, and that the structure differs from one language to another.

Children will develop their language and communication through development of the four key skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Children will enrich their language learning by developing an understanding of the Spanish culture.

Children will transfer to KS3 effectively and successfully and will be well prepared to continue and develop their language skills.

Children will feel confident and enthused to utilise their Spanish skills abroad and in later life.

The Spanish Lead will ensure the children have access to high quality resources to ignite children's interest in learning Spanish.