



“Where responsible, respectful, caring and resilient children and adults strive to be the best versions of themselves.”

*Responsibility*

*Respect*

*Care*

*Resilience*

### **Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Statement of Intent, Implementation and Impact**

**“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.” (Flora Lewis)**

#### **Intent**

At Wherwell Primary School, we are passionate about the teaching and learning of other languages and other cultures and we seek to pass this enthusiasm on to the children within our school. The world is increasingly growing and changing, and as a multicultural society, we must grow and change with it. Our aim is for speaking other languages to be exciting to our children so they can grow to become worldly individuals who can show respect and care for others, especially if they are visiting another country. Our children will have an understanding that other countries may be different from our own but will embrace both the similarities and the differences.

#### **Implementation**

At Wherwell, we made the decision to teach Spanish as we have two fluent Spanish speakers on our staff. Spanish lessons are taught once a week for 20 minutes in Key Stage 1 and 45 minutes in Key Stage 2. Across the school, we teach through stories, games and songs to make language learning engaging and embed our core values of Resilience, Respect, Responsibility and Care throughout every aspect of language learning.

We start teaching Spanish from Year 1. In Key Stage 1, the sessions are heavily focussed on speaking and listening, learning songs and rhymes, playing games and listening to stories. They learn a few basic phrases which set them up well for life around the classroom as well as their language learning in Key Stage 2.

In Key Stage 2, the children are taught to read, write, listen and speak a variety of words and phrases. Within that, we teach grammatical structures too, as we would do in English so that the children understand why they are doing what they are doing. In English, we use a rich text to focus our learning which is something we also do in Spanish. Often we choose books which are familiar to the children in English and have been translated into Spanish which support the children in learning a wide variety of vocabulary surrounding topics such as food or animals. We feel it is important for the children to learn to hold a conversation in Spanish so we practise a regular recap of some common questions they might encounter and adapt them to suit topics we might be covering. Children are taught about some of the cultural aspects of the Spanish-speaking world.

Knowledge and skills in Spanish are progressive from one year to the next and are mapped across the school, in line with our progression of skills document.

## **Impact**

The children of Wherwell Primary School will be thoughtful when encountering those from other cultures, understanding that every culture is unique. They will understand that language learning is often a difficult thing to do as there is always more to learn and will therefore be able to show resilience in what they do. They will be able to read, listen, speak and write select words, phrases and sentences in Spanish, using their knowledge of grammar where necessary and have the confidence to hold a simple conversation with another person.