

Overview of Year 8 Spanish Curriculum

There are 6 modules of work taught in Spanish in Year 8, two per term.

Module 1: Pupils are able to describe themselves and others. They learn how to say what activities they do well or badly, and they can say who they are buying presents for and why they have chosen that present.

Module 2: Pupils learn to say what they like to eat and drink, and they can order food at a market.

Module 3: Pupils learn to describe their clothes, their school uniform, and they use the Immediate Future to say what they are going to wear for a party.

Module 4: Pupils learn to describe what there is to see and do in holiday resorts and they use the past tense to describe a recent holiday.

Module 5: Pupils learn to talk about the cinema and the films they like. They can also describe what they did last Saturday and what the weather was like.

Module 6: Pupils learn to say that they are ill and describe what is wrong with them exactly. They learn to give advice and say what you have to do to keep healthy.

Homework

Homework is set each week. The type of homework set varies. In Year 8 homework can be a reading comprehension task, a piece of writing or vocabulary-learning.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed continuously in their foreign-language learning and parents are regularly informed of their son's progress. In Year 8 pupils often assess their own work, particularly in speaking and writing, to help them become more independent in their learning. Pupils are assessed in listening, speaking, reading and writing in line with the National Curriculum levels. By the end of Year 8, most pupils will be working between Levels 3-5.

Pupils are tested at the end of each module of work and they should bring home a review sheet after each test for you to read and comment on. Additionally six key pieces of work are marked in detail, highlighting strengths weaknesses and suggesting ways for pupils to improve.

How Parents can help

- Check that homework is recorded in your son's planner
- Check that his written homework is completed
- Help him with his learning homework or revision by testing him. Even if you don't understand Spanish you will be able to work out to what extent your son has tried to learn his words!
- Provide him with a Spanish dictionary to help with homework - one that is small enough to bring to lessons would be even better
- Check that your son has at least a pen and his books for lessons