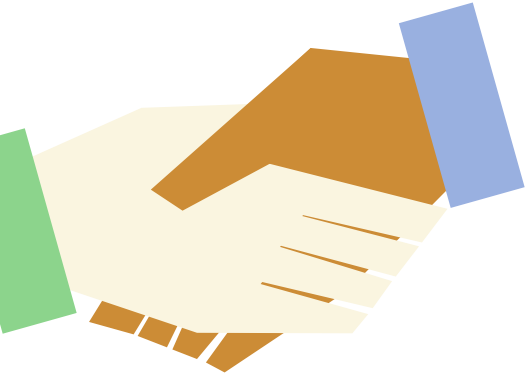


International Links



At Viridis, we have links with three Spanish partner schools. Through these links, we have been fortunate enough to make visits to Spain to see how life – in and out of school – is different to that in the UK.

The partner schools are:

- Colegio El Canton, Madrid
- Colegio Católico St. Vincente de Paul, Murcia
- Colegio Ciudad de Roma, Madrid

Whilst visiting these schools, children from Viridis have the opportunity to see how children in Spanish schools spend their days and how they learn. They have also had the opportunity to learn about cultural similarities and differences to life in the UK.

Remind your Child of How to be a Language Detective

- Make an action for the word you are learning.
- Does it rhyme with another word you know?
- Does it sound like an English word?
- Is the beginning sound similar to the English meaning?

Useful Websites

www.spanishplayground.net/best-spanishwebsites-for-kids

This site will lead you to free Spanish websites for children

www.youtube.com

There are many videos with simple lessons, cartoons and songs. Search 'Spanish for children numbers' for example. Experiment with the sites until you find one or two that are suitable for your child.

www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/spain-facts

Learn about Spain, its geography, famous people and food and drink.



Spanish

The Curriculum

Learning a language is a valuable skill that our children will take with them into adult life. At Viridis, we give our children an early start to language learning, starting in the Early Years and continuing through to Year 6.

There are 3 main areas of learning:

- **Speaking and listening**

Listening and repeating; singing and song rhythms; questions and answers; pair or group work and presentations.

- **Reading and writing**

Children reinforce what they have been learning by reading familiar words and phrases, completing sentences.

- **Intercultural understanding**

Learning about other cultures and customs; comparing their lives with others abroad; communicating with pen pals and expanding their knowledge and vocabulary as a result.



Who Teaches Spanish at Viridis Schools?

Fully qualified specialists teach discrete lessons using language themes and methodology. Opportunities are used to reinforce literacy and numeracy through language lessons.

Daily routines, and other areas of the primary curriculum, according to the year group, are incorporated to provide a whole school learning experience.

Early Years and Key Stage 1

The lessons are largely verbal, using a variety of games, songs, and actions to support their understanding.

Key Stage 2

Pupils take part in question and answer activities, role-playing, reading, and writing words/sentences in Spanish. Pupils are encouraged to use online resources for reinforcement.

“A different language is
a different vision on life.”

Federico Fellini

How to Support your Child at Home

Practising Spanish at home with your child is a valuable way of reinforcing language learning. Ask them to teach you what they have learned in school each week.

One of the keys to being successful when learning another language is just to have a go! Encourage your children to speak in Spanish, even if they are not sure, as practise makes perfect.

Use opportunities as they arise to practise what children have learned in a real context. For example:

- At the supermarket count how many apples are in the bag.
- Look at descriptions of food packets that have Spanish words and try and work out what the words might mean.
- At home sing a simple song.

See our website for speaking and listening activities, and songs and games.