



## **How we assess children's learning in Foreign Languages**

At St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery, we employ a variety of formative and summative approaches in order to assess children's learning and to inform next steps in progress. The foreign language we focus on is Spanish.

Within Key Stage 2, each unit of learning in Spanish has a key question to focus the development of the topic, for example: 'How can I extend my understanding of greetings in Spanish?' Lessons are then planned to ensure learning meets the expectations of the National Curriculum and allow the children to focus on the overarching question. At the beginning of each unit, the children are introduced to the relevant knowledge organiser to assess prior understanding and key vocabulary. Throughout the unit, teachers will regularly assess children's learning, using this information to guide and inform planning in order to meet children's individual learning needs.

Formative assessment of children's learning in Spanish is part of an ongoing process. This is mainly undertaken through questioning, as well as observing children and listening to them using the phrases and vocabulary taught in lessons. Evidence of progress is often collected through photographs, sound and video recordings and can be referred to as a means by which to assess children's progress. Children complete written work in Spanish and written responses in books can often inform teachers' formative assessment and future planning. Books are marked after each piece of work following the school's marking and feedback policy, allowing children to see for themselves which areas they have succeeded in and which need more practice.

Termly teacher assessments are undertaken for each child to track progress in the different areas of Foreign Languages: speaking, listening, reading and writing. At the end of the year, teachers submit a 'best fit' judgement for each child based on 'working towards', 'working at' or 'working above' the expected standard for Foreign Languages, relating to work produced throughout all topics.

***'Never settle for less than your best'***

*Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12*