

Why is Spanish important at Oasis Academy Putney?

“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.” Rita Mae Brown

Learning an additional language opens children’s minds to different cultures, people and ways of life; while giving them greater insight into their own. It shows our pupils that we value all languages including those spoken at home. Pupils can make connections between English, Spanish and any additional languages they know, helping them to improve in other areas of the curriculum.

What is our vision for Spanish at Oasis Academy Putney?

At Oasis Academy Putney, we believe that all children are linguists and that learning another language fosters a curiosity about the wide world. Our vision is for our pupils to apply the skills they have learnt learning Spanish to learning other languages and improving their English skills.

Language learning at Oasis Putney will provide a solid foundation for pupils to continue their learning in secondary school, both in Spanish and other modern foreign languages. Pupils will be able to use their skills for professional and personal reasons such as translation, international travel, understanding of foreign cultures and meeting people from all over the world.

How is Spanish taught at Oasis Academy Putney?

At Oasis Academy Putney, we teach Spanish from Reception to Year 6, ensuring there is progression each year. Pupils begin by learning basic words and phrases through puppets, songs and stories. They progress to learning longer phrases; listening to native speakers; writing short paragraphs and presenting in Spanish. Pupils learn a new topic each half term. Topics teach vocabulary that is of interest to the pupils and has links to the wider curriculum. Many topics have a focus on inter-cultural understanding of the many diverse Spanish speaking countries that exist around the world. Phonics are taught explicitly and pupils are asked to reflect on the language learning skills they have used.

What do children think about Spanish at Oasis Academy Putney?

“I like learning Spanish with actions.”

Reception child

“I like learning the colours in Spanish.”

Year 1 child

“I like that we can learn a different language .”

Year 2 child

“I like that we get to learn Spanish because it’s fun and important to learn a different language.”

Year 3 child

“Spanish is fun to learn! I like learning languages because it means I can understand people when I travel the world .”

Year 4 child