





Spirituality in the Spanish curriculum

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Spirituality is about seeking a meaningful connection with something bigger than oneself, which can result in positive emotions, such as peace, awe and wonder. Spirituality enables our children to be happy; to flourish, to succeed and to live life in all its fullness.



Year Group	Planned opportunities
	<p>In Spanish, planned opportunities for spirituality focus on enhancing children's understanding of themselves, their relationships with others, their connection to the world, and their grasp of concepts beyond their immediate experience. This holistic approach ensures that learning Spanish contributes to both intellectual and spiritual growth, in alignment with the UK primary national curriculum for Key Stage 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studying the natural world and considering questions about the origins of life, the universe, and our place within it.• By demonstrating openness to the fact that some answers cannot be provided by Science.• By creating opportunities for pupils to ask questions about how living things rely on and contribute to their environment• Delight in discovering how things work.• Opportunities to linger longer on the wonder!• What questions cannot be answered by science? <p>Overall, by integrating spirituality into Spanish lessons, we nurture well-rounded individuals who are not only proficient in a new language but also spiritually aware and connected. This approach prepares children to navigate and appreciate a diverse world with empathy, respect, and a thoughtful understanding of their place within it.</p>
 <p>SELF</p>	<p>Learning Spanish helps children develop a sense of self-awareness and cultural identity. From Year 3, students start with basic vocabulary and phrases, building their confidence as they learn to express themselves in a new language. This process fosters a sense of achievement and self-discovery. As they progress, they engage in more complex language structures and cultural studies, which encourages them to reflect on their own cultural backgrounds and experiences. For instance, writing and presenting a short autobiography in Spanish can instill pride and a deeper understanding of their personal identity.</p>

	<p>Spanish lessons provide numerous opportunities for collaboration and interpersonal communication, crucial for spiritual and social development. Pair and group activities, such as role-playing dialogues or participating in group discussions, require students to communicate effectively and support one another. For example, students might work together to create and perform a skit based on everyday scenarios, fostering cooperation, empathy, and mutual respect.</p>
	<p>Learning Spanish connects children to a broader cultural and global perspective. It enhances their understanding of the diverse Spanish-speaking world, promoting appreciation and respect for different cultures. Topics such as "Festivals and Traditions" help students explore the rich cultural heritage of Spanish-speaking countries. This connection can inspire a sense of wonder and a desire to engage with the world beyond their immediate environment. For instance, celebrating traditional Spanish festivals or learning about Hispanic holidays can deepen children's appreciation for cultural diversity and global interconnectedness.</p>
	<p>Spanish lessons can include reflective and mindfulness practices that contribute to spiritual growth. Encouraging children to reflect on their language learning journey can lead to moments of introspection and personal growth. Discussing the ethical implications of language use, such as the importance of respectful communication and cultural sensitivity, can stimulate profound reflections on their role as global citizens.</p>