Foreign Languages intent statement

At Bridgewater Primary school, pupils in Early Years, KS1 and KS2 learn Spanish. The National Curriculum for KS2 languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
- speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
- can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

The teaching of Spanish in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language preparing our children for further foreign language teaching at KS3. Our curriculum is designed to develop language skills where children progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around topics. This approach helps to equip our children with the skills to be confident global citizens.

In Early Years, Spanish teaching begins through a mixture of song and ring games. This approach follows into KS1 before the children are taught through topics in KS2. Learning a second language from an early age has shown beneficial to brain development and contributes to enhanced learning in all areas.