



St Dennis Primary Academy – Languages



“You live a new life for every language you speak. If you only know one language you only live once.” – Czech proverb

Children at St Dennis are taught to accept and embrace other languages and cultures through the teaching of languages. Children learn about the religious beliefs of the people in the countries of the languages they are learning. We consider why we communicate in the way we do and help children to understand and begin to question the numerous ways that people express themselves and their ideas.

In Spanish lessons, children are encouraged to use language related to their class topics, whether through pair work, co-operative learning techniques or group work.

The social element of language learning comes both from learning about other societies and learning together in the classroom. Children are encouraged to experiment with language and learn from their mistakes in a supportive environment.



At St Dennis Primary Academy we encourage respect for other pupils and staff, and this is enhanced within language lessons, which promote respect for other people, their language and culture. This in turn prepares our pupils for the wider world in which they will find themselves as they progress through life and encourages respect for the opinions and beliefs of others.

Cultural knowledge is broadened through the study of other countries' cultural priorities and traditions. Children learn about festivals, identifying similarities and differences between how countries and cultures celebrate. In the Year 6 unit, Yo En El Mundo, children learn about the many countries in the world that speak Spanish, different festivals (religious and non-religious) around the world, that we are different and yet all the same and that we can all help to protect our planet.