



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL
"Realising the potential of every child within a caring, Christian community"

MFL Intent Statement

At St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Junior School, we believe that learning a foreign language enables our pupils to develop their communication and literacy abilities as well as learn the skills that will lay the foundation for future language learning. Pupils will develop and extend their knowledge of how languages work and explore the similarities and differences between the target language (Spanish) and English.

In addition to this they will also develop their interests in the culture of Spain and other Spanish speaking countries and have a broadened cultural understanding and they will leave us with the key principles of tolerance and respect for other's values and their own, which reinforces the Christian ethos and Character Values that are integral to our school.

We intend for all pupils, regardless of their starting point, to have equal access to learning a foreign language, regardless of ability, gender, cultural, intellectual or social differences.

It is our intention that, when our children leave St Thomas', they will be prepared to continue language learning at Secondary school. They will have a natural curiosity and confidence to explore other countries, cultures and languages, accepting that in a multi-lingual society it is a valuable skill to communicate effectively with others in another language.

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