

## Spiritual Development in Spanish

Spiritual development is about supporting the children to be able to develop the language to talk about life: its great times, its difficult times and times that are happening right now. To help these discussions, we have introduced to the children the language of ‘wows’ (the great times), ‘ows’ (the difficult times) and ‘nows’ (the times that are happening right now).

Spiritual development is promoted throughout the teaching and learning of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) at Holy Trinity Primary School. Learning Spanish helps children to:

- broaden their horizons by introducing them to new and exciting places they may have not heard of or have been before.
- hear about other people’s experiences of Spanish speaking places.
- be open and enthusiastic to learning new languages, meeting people from different countries and exploring new cultures.
- be empathetic to the cultures, beliefs and traditions of others and stereotypes are challenged where necessary
- consider ‘identity’ and what it means to them and others.
- show connectedness to the world
- develop a shared knowledge and language with others
- develop confidence in themselves and their communication, e.g. try new things including performing in front of their peers which promotes appreciation and support; exercise peer-coaching, and work as part of a team.

Opportunities to explore Wows and Ows in Spanish could include:

|              | Wows   | Ows  |
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| All subjects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration of success</li> <li>• Learning from a mistake</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disappointments / failures and mistakes</li> <li>• Struggling – finding something hard</li> </ul>   |
| Spanish      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning new ways to communicate with others</li> <li>• Confidence in recognising words in Spanish</li> <li>• Being on a shared learning journey with most people beginning with little prior knowledge</li> <li>• Understanding and appreciating other cultures</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Struggling when we cannot communicate with one another</li> <li>• Struggling with the confidence to try new words and pronunciations</li> </ul> |