

## Bienvenidos to term uno in español!

Year Levels: PREP, Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4.

Queridos padres, cuidadores y familias,

Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to all, new and continuing, I hope you all had a wonderful summer holidays, enjoying a lot of summer-time activities with your children. This year our students from Prep to Year 4 will be learning about the Spanish language and culture.

For those who are new, my name is **Señorita** Irene (Miss Irene), from Spain, and I have the wonderful privilege of teaching your children language skills and cultural activities through the Spanish language and our school Growth Mindset program.

This first term promises to be an exciting start to the year, and not just for me, but the students as well. For preps, the lessons will be focused on introducing them to Spanish and each other and the focus will be ensuring their beginning to Spanish is most enjoyable. For Grades 1 and 2, the lessons will be focused on language skills previously learnt and building upon these to strengthen their confidence in a second language. And for grades 3 and 4, the lessons will involve more contact with the world of Spanish including writing postcards to PenPals.

Students' work from their activities in the classroom will be placed in their own personal Spanish notebook. The Spanish wall (in the main hall outside the staff room) will display highlighted activities from classes and interesting information about the Spanish language and culture.

Also, continuing on from last year is our Spanish club which includes some students from grades 3 and 4 who have expressed interests in learning more Spanish and being greater involved in the Spanish program at Sunshine Heights PS.

**The sorts of general activities** students will be doing (all grades):

- Speaking and listening; asking and answering questions.
- Giving hand gestures; indicating, pointing, touching. Using sometimes AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) to support the learning and memorising of the Spanish language.
- Writing and filling in their Spanish notebooks.
- Participating in a variety of games aimed at encouraging the students to talk among themselves, have a go, and help them remember.
- Drama related activities including role-playing.
- Listening and singing Spanish songs.
- Craft activities; including drawing, cutting out pictures and being creative...
- Using Spanish apps on iPads and watching Spanish videos.
- And above all, having fun learning Spanish with a **positive Growth Mindset**.

**What students can expect to learn this term** (by grade groupings):

**Preps:**

- Greet and farewell the teacher and their friends, based on the time of the day.

- Introduce themselves to build relationships.
- Recognise primary colours and answer the question, ¿qué color es? (What colour is it?).
- Count up to 10.
- Respond to classroom instructions in Spanish.
- Recognise the letter ñ.
- See how infants first gain language skills and use some of the same skills to learn Spanish (related to Growth Mindset).

#### **Grades 1 & 2:**

- Greet and farewell the teacher and their friends, based on the time of the day.
- Express different emotions.
- Recognise the days of the week and the date and talk about the weather in Spanish.
- Count up to 20.
- Say their favourite colour.
- Learn how infants first gain language skills and apply some of the same skills to learn Spanish (related to Growth Mindset).

#### **Grades 3 & 4:**

- Greet and farewell the teacher and their friends, ask questions and answer them to talk and play in Spanish.
- Interact with teacher and friends to introduce themselves, say their age, where they are from and their favourite pastimes.
- Write a postcard to a PenPal.
- Ask for help in Spanish: ask for permission, request help and ask how to say and write something in Spanish.
- Recognise the skills we need as a learners to learn a language (related to Growth Mindset).

I am very much looking forward to lots of fun Spanish lessons with your children this term and I welcome you all to share in and enjoy the new Spanish being learnt. As always, any ideas or suggestions from parents, guardians and families are welcome.

Saludos, (Regards)

Señorita Irene.