



# YEAR 5 – THE GREAT SPANISH DATE DETECTIVE!



## UNIT: 'DATES'



| WEEKS OF TEACHING | LINE OF ENQUIRY                         | THRESHOLD CONCEPT                                                                                | SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CURRICULUM ENDPOINT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1                 | CAN YOU NAME EVERY DAY IN SPANISH?      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write imaginatively</li> <li>Speak confidently</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los días de la semana = the days of the week in Spanish.</li> <li>The seven days are lunes, martes, miércoles, jueves, viernes, sábado, domingo.</li> <li>Spanish days of the week do not use capital letters, unless they begin a sentence.</li> <li>¿Qué día es hoy? = What day is it today?</li> <li>The structure Hoy es... is used to say which day it is.</li> <li>The question ¿Cuál es tu día favorito? asks about someone's favourite day.</li> <li>The answer Mi día favorito es el... is used to express a preference.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to recent experiences or future plans, as well as to everyday activities</li> <li>Refer to recent experiences or future plans, everyday activities and interests.</li> </ul> | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding</li> <li>explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words</li> <li>engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help*</li> <li>speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures</li> </ul> |
| 2                 | CAN YOU NAME ALL THE MONTHS IN SPANISH? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read fluently</li> <li>Speak confidently</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los meses = the months in Spanish.</li> <li>The twelve months are enero, febrero, marzo, abril, mayo, junio, julio, agosto, septiembre, octubre, noviembre, diciembre.</li> <li>Spanish months do not use capital letters, unless they begin a sentence.</li> <li>The question ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? can be answered using the months of the year.</li> <li>Say when a birthday falls by naming both the day and the month in Spanish.</li> </ul>                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show confidence in reading aloud, and in using reference materials.</li> <li>Take part in conversations to seek and give information.</li> </ul>                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3                 | CAN YOU SAY BIG NUMBERS IN SPANISH?     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write imaginatively</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The numbers 21–31 in Spanish follow clear spelling patterns, beginning with veinti- for 21–29.</li> <li>The numbers veintiuno to veintinueve are written as one word in Spanish.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convey meaning (although there may be some mistakes, the meaning can be understood with little or no difficulty).</li> </ul>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|   |                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak confidently</li> </ul>                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number 30 is treinta, and 31 is written using the conjunction y: treinta y uno.</li> <li>• Spanish numbers change structure after 30, using tens + y + units.</li> <li>• Recognising written forms helps learners understand spelling patterns and accents (e.g., veintidós, veintitrés, veintiséis).</li> <li>• These numbers are essential for saying dates, especially when talking about birthdays or events.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be understood with little or no difficulty.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases*</li> <li>• broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary</li> <li>• Write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly</li> <li>• describe people, places, things and actions orally* and in writing</li> </ul> |
| 4 | CAN YOU SAY TODAY'S DATE IN SPANISH?           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write imaginatively</li> <li>• Speak confidently</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ¿Qué fecha es hoy? = <i>What is the date today?</i></li> <li>• The structure Hoy es... is used to begin a full date in Spanish.</li> <li>• A complete Spanish date follows this order: day of the week → number → de → month.</li> <li>• Spanish dates do not use <i>st, nd, rd, th</i> like English.</li> <li>• The first of the month can be said as uno or primero.</li> </ul>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write short texts on familiar topics</li> <li>• Understand the main points and opinions in spoken passages.</li> <li>• Refer to recent experiences or future plans, everyday activities and interests.</li> </ul>                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5 | CAN YOU TELL SOMEONE YOUR BIRTHDAY IN SPANISH? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read fluently</li> <li>• Write imaginatively</li> <li>• Speak confidently</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? = <i>When is your birthday?</i></li> <li>• The structure Mi cumpleaños es el... = <i>My birthday is...</i> in Spanish.</li> <li>• A full birthday date follows this order: number → de → month (e.g., el 12 de marzo).</li> <li>• Saying your birthday uses the same structure as saying the date, just with Mi cumpleaños es... at the start.</li> </ul>                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read and understand the main points and opinions in written texts from various contexts, including present, past or future events.</li> <li>• Refer to recent experiences or future plans, as well as to everyday activities</li> <li>• Take part in conversations to seek and give information.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY: THE SPANISH BIRTHDAY PARTY CHALLENGE!

Pupils move around the room completing a circuit, using all the language from the unit.

**Station 1: Date Decoder-** Pupils pick a mystery card with a written date in English and must say it aloud in Spanish.

**Station 2: Birthday Match-Up** - Listen to short audio clips of characters saying their birthdays and match them to the correct birthday card.

**Station 3: Build the Date** Using cards, (days, numbers, months), pupils assemble a full Spanish date

**Station 4: Ask & Answer** In pairs, pupils ask each other: ¿Qué fecha es hoy? ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? They answer using accurate Spanish.