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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to offer some ideas to support your child at home with their Spanish. Many of you may have knowledge of Spanish and will feel confident supporting your children. I understand that, for many parents, it may be a daunting prospect if you have not studied the language before. However, it is a great way of learning a new skill together and helping your child make excellent progress in the subject.

I hope you can try out some of these activities at home with your child.

### **Quizlet**

This year we are using Quizlet to set vocabulary learning work. It is a fun and interactive way to practise vocabulary.

All pupils have been instructed to create an account and start learning the vocabulary at home. Many have done an excellent job and have really impressed us with their commitment to learning. Some pupils have struggled with this. Below is a list of links to classes. If your child has not yet signed up for Quizlet, we would appreciate your support in encouraging them to do so.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Link</b>
7A1	Mr Orme	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7a1spanish">tinyurl.com/7a1spanish</a>
7A2	Mrs Rawson	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7a2spanish">tinyurl.com/7a2spanish</a>
7A3	Mrs Bramley-Justiz	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7a3spanish">tinyurl.com/7a3spanish</a>
7B1	Mrs Bramley-Justiz	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7b1spanish">tinyurl.com/7b1spanish</a>
7B2	Mrs Hewitt/Mr Orme	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7b2spanish">tinyurl.com/7b2spanish</a>
7B3	Mrs Hewitt	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7b3spanish">tinyurl.com/7b3spanish</a>
7B4	Mr Orme	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/7b4spanish">tinyurl.com/7b4spanish</a>
8A1	Mr Orme	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/8a1spanish">tinyurl.com/8a1spanish</a>
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9A1	Mrs Bramley-Justiz	<a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/9a1spanish">tinyurl.com/9a1spanish</a>
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Please encourage your child to practise little and often. We suggest breaking learning into manageable 10-minute slots over several days. Doing lots all at once will not make the learning stick. For students with no internet connection, a printed copy of the vocabulary will be made available.

### **Quizzing**

With a list of words from Quizlet, a good way of encouraging your child to practise is by quizzing them at home. You can ask them to say the word in English and they reply with the word in Spanish for you to check. You could cover the Spanish / English side and see if your child can remember the Spanish/English meaning. The '**Look, copy, cover, write, check**' method is also very effective. Play **Hangman** with the words/phrases to re-enforce spellings. Try removing the vowels or the consonants.

### **Duolingo**

Duolingo is a very popular (and free) app and website that allows users to practise reading, writing, listening and speaking. It allows the user to set a daily target and reminds them when it is time to practise. It is a great way of keeping focussed and learning little and often.

### **Make puzzles using Puzzlemaker (online)**

Get your child to make a set of puzzles designed to test the vocabulary.

### **Learning together**

Ask your child to teach the new language to you. This is very effective and lots of fun to do together.

### **Read Read Read**

Reading lots creates stronger learners in languages and other curriculum areas. Ask your child to read aloud to you including some of the following:

- the list of Spanish words/phrases they have to learn.
- the piece of writing they have just completed –this will help them to review their work and spot opportunities to improve it.
- a paragraph from a website, paper, book or magazine.

### **Record and listen**

Encourage your child to **record** the newly learned language on their phone, listen back, and note what went well and what could be improved. Re-record and hear the difference!

### **Netflix**

There are lots of age-appropriate Netflix shows and films available. These are great for learning not only the language but also about the culture, traditions and customs of Spanish-speaking countries.

### **YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music**

There are many popular Spanish-speaking artists now. Perhaps you could check out a Reggaeton or Latin Pop playlist.

### **Keep in touch**

We are always happy to help, if you need some support with your child's Spanish, please contact either their Spanish teacher or myself on [kome@garibaldischool.co.uk](mailto:kome@garibaldischool.co.uk). I would love to hear about any Spanish activities you have tried at home.

Yours faithfully

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