Why do we teach and learn a second language?

- International literature shows that bilingualism offers cognitive, social and cultural benefits.
- Contrary to a dangerous myth, bilingualism and early second language acquisition, if imparted in an appropriate way, can enhance English literacy skills.
- Language resources are of economic benefit to the nation. Yet when it comes to proficiency in foreign languages, a 2000 survey of CEOs in 27 countries put Australian CEOs last, behind the US, the UK and New Zealand.
- Monolingual English native speakers will be disadvantaged by a lack of skills in other languages which their counterparts in other countries have. The report also predicts that, in 10-15 years’ time, use of other languages, especially Chinese and Spanish, will rival use of English.

Curriculum and Leadership Journal article (2007)
Authors: Michael Clyne, Anne Pauwels, Roland Sussex (from University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales and University of Queensland respectively)  

Report on the value of LOTE (Languages Other Than English) from Victoria, Australia (2002)

‘.the analysis found that the important economic, social and community benefits gained from learning languages are not widely understood both in schools and the wider community…’ (Department of Education & Training 2002, p. iii).

For more info about the benefits of learning a second language in early years, see:
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<td>Hola, cómo estás? Hello, how are you? Mi mascotas My pets</td>
<td>Los colores Colours</td>
<td>Mis animales favoritos My favourite animals</td>
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<td>Hola, cómo estás? Hello, how are you? Me gusta la fruta I like fruit + basic greetings inc. Good morning, Good day and Good night</td>
<td>Las emociones Emotions</td>
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<td>Hola, cómo estás? Hello, how are you? Mi familia My family</td>
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Helpful websites

https://www.spanishdict.com/

www.quizlet.com – enter Susan_Harriman in Search Bar (no need to log in or add yourself as a member)

Kiwifruit and Blueberries = Year 3

Dragonfruit and Watermelon = Year 4

Apples, Cherries, Pears = Year 5


Demo https://quizlet.com/216233054/en-el-restaurant-white-flash-cards/

https://spanishmama.com/downloads/ - downloadable posters/calendars + tips for teaching Spanish at home

Frequently used songs:

Colour song (tune of Frere Jacques)

Red is rojo, blue is azul, yellow amarillo, green is verde

Greeting song (tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Hola, hola, hello!

Cómo estás? How are you?

Muy bien, I’m very well.

Y tu? And you?

Hola, hola, hello!

Cómo estás? How are you?

The key to learning a new language is recency and frequency!

Use the duolingo app and the quizzes on spanishdict.com