



Unit Objective: To be able to say the date in Spanish.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Recall from memory the seven days of the week, the twelve months of the year and numbers 1-31 in Spanish.
- Ask and answer what the date is in Spanish.
- Ask and answer the question 'when is your birthday?' in Spanish.



It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from phonics and pronunciation lessons 1 and 2.
- Language introduced from Early Learning units & numbers 1-31.
- Vocabulary from 'me presento' and 'la familia' units (Intermediate), how to say your name, age, where you live and vocabulary for family members.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: GA GE GI GO GU



• GO sound in domingo & agosto

• **Stress Placement.** Words that end in a consonant (apart from 'n' or 's') should be stressed on the last syllable as in the word **a-bril**. For words that end in a vowel or 'n' and 's' it is normally the second to last syllable like **sep-tiem-bre**, **ju-lio**, **vein-tiu-no** and **trein-ta**.

• **Ñ tilde.** This letter changes the 'n' to a 'ny' sound like in the English word onion. It is another letter in Spanish not just another phoneme and is seen in **cumpleaños**.

• **Silent letters.** 'H' is always silent in Spanish (unless it is a word of foreign origin) as in the word **hoy** which is pronounced **oy**.



Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The vocabulary for the days of the week, the months, numbers 1-31, the structures involved for asking and saying the date and how to ask and say when your birthday is.

Activities we will complete:

A number of different activities to learn how to say the date in Spanish. Starting by learning the 12 months of the year in Spanish (including word searches, crosswords and word puzzles). After recycling and revisiting numbers 1-31, learning how to ask and say the date and finally ask and say when our birthdays are. After a class survey on birthdays there will be ample opportunity for extended writing using the final tasks in week 5 integrating this new knowledge with previously learnt personal details.

Skills we will develop:

To learn how to formulate the date in Spanish and to say when our birthday is using days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Ordinal & cardinal numbers. To learn that months of the year and the days of the week do not have a capital letter in Spanish unless they are found at the start of a sentence. Noting that the 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc is not used in the Spanish date. Seeing that the upside-down question mark (¿) is used at the beginning of all sentences that are questions, no exceptions!