



# Overseas Family School

## Mother Tongue Spanish



### Spanish Mother Tongue Classes since August 2015

### Clases de Español como lengua materna desde agosto del 2015

- Our rich Mother Tongue program underwent a major expansion from August 2015. We offer Mother Tongue classes in 14 different languages, from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.
- **Spanish Mother Tongue is offered from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.**
- Mother Tongue program is integrated into the curriculum and **does not involve an extra fee.**

Languages offered are:

Danish	Dutch	Finnish	French	German
Hebrew	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Mandarin
Norwegian	Russian	<b>Spanish</b>	Swedish	

Overseas Family School is:

- authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva, Switzerland
- registered with Cambridge Assessment International Education, UK
- accredited K-12 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), USA
- a Member School of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) registered with Fieldwork Education, UK
- a Member School of International Primary Curriculum (IPC) registered with Fieldwork Education, UK
- registered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), Singapore [Registration No.: 199104269R (1/9/2015 - 31/8/2019)]
- EduTrust Certified [Certificate Number: EDU-2-2072 (Validity: 21/12/2015 - 20/12/2019)]

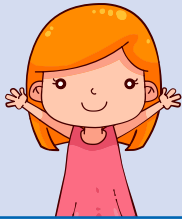
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# Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



## What is it?

This refers to the first language a child learns at home.

## Why is Mother Tongue important?

It is in the dominant language that higher level thinking takes place. This is especially pronounced in very young children. It will also benefit children in education back in their home country, should they return, as they will be competent in oral, written and grammar skills.



## How is it done?

This program is well resourced:

- Four sessions per week, in Kindergarten (from Pre-K2), Elementary and Middle School.
- Integrated into the academic programs.
- All features of any other subject, i.e. assessment, homework, reporting, etc.
- Focuses on reading, writing, listening, speaking and culture. Courses include literature in the Mother Tongue.
- Is an additional choice for parents, **instead of** foreign language study.
- **No additional fee involved.**

## Who are the teachers?

Our Mother Tongue teachers are native speakers of the language, with teacher training and degree earned in the home country. They are qualified to teach in the home country and also fluent in English.



*"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart".*

**Nelson Mandela**



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Ana Somalo Herreros y su familia se mudaron de Londres a Singapur en octubre de 2013. Su vocación docente la ha llevado a poner en marcha proyectos educativos en colegios internacionales de Londres y Singapur. Anteriormente ejerció la enseñanza en España y Marruecos donde trabajó para el Ministerio de Educación diseñando programas académicos. Ana Somalo Herreros ha disfrutado de una gratificante carrera profesional, la cual eligió debido a su pasión por trabajar con gente y especialmente con niños. Desde 2015 imparte clases de español en el Departamento de Lenguas Maternas de OFS. El programa de Lenguas Maternas de OFS tiene como fin mantener la competencia lingüística de nuestros alumnos durante su etapa escolar en Singapur. Estudios sobre el lenguaje han demostrado que todo niño y niña necesita primero consolidar su lengua materna para luego, en segundo lugar, desarrollar las habilidades cognitivas en esa misma lengua. Seguir este orden lógico en el aprendizaje y adquisición del lenguaje facilita el progreso académico y el bienestar integral de los estudiantes.



Ms Ana Somalo Herreros