Very International People

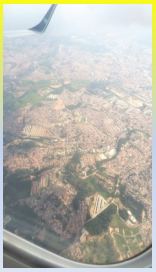
July 2017

On Tuesday 26th May, some Japanese students came in to teach us about Japanese culture. We learnt how to make origami, and we all made frogs or stars. Dressing up was, in our opinion, the best of the activities, as we got to wear traditional kimonos or dress up as ninjas! We wrote some words in Japanese, which seemed very tricky at first! Using chopsticks was by far the hardest activity, as it required concentration and your full focus. We also painted cherry blossom in Japanese style using bright, vibrant colours. Learning numbers in Japanese was really fun, because some of the words sounded like English ones!

Where in the world?

A selection of resources to support a locational enquiry in KS1 and KS2 geography

North East Inter-Cultural Conference



Where in the world?

Where do you think the destination might be?

On Wednesday 5th July, the VIP committee went to Beamish Hall with Mrs Morgan, Mr Tait and Mrs Henderson to help present at the North East Inter-Cultural conference. Mrs Morgan introduced the resources she helped to make for Durham County schools following the Connecting Classrooms trip to Brazil .Then we, the VIP committee, presented to eighty people about all the South American and Brazil work Year 6 have done . Mrs Morgan also shared everything Year1 have been learning including a clip from last year's Brazilian Carnival. The audience were very interested to see our work and loved the rainforest we created in the classroom ! It was great to be able to speak at such a big event and interesting to hear what other people have been learning about.

Did you guess the country?

It gave us some ideas of some international events we could do.

The whole experience was fun and helped us to expand our knowledge of different cultures.

Hong Kong Student Teachers

Two Hong Kong student teachers came to visit our school for two weeks as part of their immersion visit arranged by the University of Durham. As part of their visit they observed some of our lessons, worship assemblies and the rest of our everyday school life and routines. They talked to each class about their life in Hong Kong and showed a powerpoint presentation so we could see Hong Kong. During their time they managed to do a different craft with most classes. Reception and Year 1 made a dragon, Year 2 made bookmarks, Year 4 made drums and Years 5 and 6 made lanterns. It was great fun!

Brazilian Carnival

As you may know already, Year 1 have performed their very own Brazilian carnival this term. This came at the end of a hard working term where a cross-curricular approach to their learning had been adopted. Children had been learning about Brazil through many subjects : English—story writing based on tales from South America, DT- fruit salad design and making for our visitors, Art –looking at the works of Romero Britto and designing wrist bands and cup holders based on his work, MFL - learning some greetings and a carnival song in Portuguese, Music -making maracas and drums and also composing their own interpretation of 'Sounds in a rainforest', Computing - designing posters and tickets, PE - dance routine to carnival music, Science - finding out about which species live in the rainforest. Wow! A very busy classroom.

They have worked so hard over the last few weeks and put on a fabulous show that was filled with colour, dancing and even some singing in Portuguese! They have thoroughly enjoyed putting on this performance for us all