



Come and join us in this virtual cultural exchange!

The children will be taking part in an exciting collaborate global project with a Kindergarten class in Montserrat, a small British overseas territory volcanic island in the Eastern Caribbean. Both of the classes will develop a more global perspective and increase their cultural understanding of each other through well planned themes across the year, starting with the theme, 'We are the same/ We are different'

The advent of technology will make it easier than ever to showcase our joint project and collaborative lessons through videos, images, informational reading, and discussion as well as writing each other letters, drawing pictures even making virtual friendship bracelets!

Our aim is to make learning about another part of the world fun with this school based virtual learning opportunity! However, only the children who are able to share their image on the internet or Instagram will be shown.

If you want to discuss this project with me, or do not want your child to take part, please let me know.

Many Thanks

Jaki Glen

A bit about the class teacher in Montserrat: She was the previous class teacher and Early Years Leader here at Bellenden.



Hello! My name is Rowmelda, I'm a teacher here in Montserrat. I spent many HAPPY years at Bellenden school! I'm excited about the project and I look forward to a shared learning journey!

Information sheet

The school that we shall be partnering up with is called Brades Primary school and it is in Brades, Montserrat West Indies. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Elementary-School/Brades-Primary-School-1411287999132505/>

Some facts about Montserrat.

- Montserrat is nicknamed "The Emerald Isle of the Caribbean" both for its resemblance to coastal Ireland.
- Montserrat and a few other countries are the only places in the world that recognise St. Patrick's Day as a public holiday.
- The song "Hot Hot Hot" was first recorded by Montserration musician Arrow
- Beatles Producer George Martin Built a famous recording studio called Air Studio's in Montserrat. It was once a hot spot for the musical greats of the 80's.
- The island has a population of just 5.000 people
- There **NO** traffic light on island!!!
- The Soufriere Hills volcano erupted in 1995 leaving a third of the island inhabitable.

Objectives: Students will gain an understanding of similarities and differences in people and the importance of appreciating these.

Through various activities, the children will explore human feelings, theirs and other people's. Children come to realize that people have some of the same universal characteristics. They also learn that people can have differences in the ways they celebrate, look and live, but these qualities can be very interesting. The project allows the children to explore things that are age appropriate and we will follow their interests.

Here is some of the projects content:

Children will:

- use online or library resources to research information about two countries.
- collect information and use it to complete a simple graph

- study the collected information for similarities and differences.
- write statements, create captions or a brief report comparing the two countries

as well as

- making virtual friendship bracelets
- making friends
- find out about annual events and celebrations
- look closely at seasons
- weather
- trees, leaves, foliage and fauna
- animals and their habitat
- use global Earth to explore imaginary and terrain
- look at maps
- describing home grown local fruits and vegetables/national dishes
- reading letters from pen pals
- learning playground songs and games
- Singing Continent Song

And much more, in relation to the children's interest.