



ETC Holidays

A project about environmentally friendly holidays by Y3 / 4.

Overview:

This term Lower Key Stage 2 pupils undertook a cross curricula project covering core aspects of geography and history,

The children formed a company called 'ETC Holidays' and received a commission from Rigoberta Menchu, Noble Peace Prize winner in 1992, asking them to design a holiday package which takes into consideration the protection of the beautiful ancient cities built by the Mayas in Mexico.

The children researched key aspects of human and physical characteristics of World Heritage sites in North America and Mexico which helped them to come up with a variety of ways to 'stop the human footprint'.

As part of literacy they learnt how to skim and scan information and use bullet points. These skills then helped them to produce leaflets which promoted the ancient Mayan civilisation and environmentally friendly holidays.

Facilitator Reflection:

This was an exciting project where the children became specialists in the World Heritage sites of North America and Mexico. They engaged themselves in an in depth study of the Mayas including: ancient temples, art and artefacts, murals, etc. They worked independently to find out about the landscapes of Mexico and in small groups to produce information booklets promoting the protection of the tourist sites in Mexico.

Pupil Reflection:

"It was great finding out about the Mayan Civilisation especially the murals which decorated the temples. They were a blood thirsty lot!"

"I loved finding out about new places like, the Everglades, Redwood Forest, Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon.