

Focus on Food - The Café

Pupils create a large café menu for their partner school. Menus are swapped and used to investigate food in Ethiopia and for role-playing games involving calculations.

Activity 1 – The Café

- Pupils create a large (e.g. A3) café menu with a range of dishes.
- Under each dish they write a description of what the dish is and what ingredients it uses. They can also accompany this with drawings, cut out pictures from magazines or photos.
- They decide on a price for each item. Deciding on pricing may involve investigating a local café or restaurant or looking at different examples of menus.

Activity 2 - Roleplay

- Pupils use the menu to role-play a game in which children take it in turns to play the shopkeeper and the customer.
- Pupils are given a certain amount of 'money' to spend. They ask for different meals and calculate the change.
- They can photograph this to add to the materials they are sending to the partner school.

Activity 3 – The Ethiopian Café

- The menus are exchanged and investigated.
 - What dishes are found in an Ethiopian café?
 - How much do they cost in English terms (the current exchange rate is 1 pound = 15.16 birr)?
 - Pupils learn how much an average Ethiopian earns a day (see 'Ethiopia Food Facts' in the introduction) and calculate what proportion of their income is spent on food – is it more expensive there or here?
 - Pupils might practice the role-playing game again, this time working in birr.

KEYSTAGE 1 & 2 CURRICULUM LINKS

English

- Drama: taking on and sustaining different roles
- Taking part in class discussion
- Investigating text

Maths

- Calculating change
- Decimals
- Fractions and percentages

Art

- Asking and answering questions about the starting points for their work and developing their ideas
- Investigating the possibilities of a range of materials and processes

Citizenship

- Exploring the lives and customs of people in different countries
- Forming relationships with children in other countries