



TRAVEL CLUB MAY 2014

At the start of Build-A-City the aims and objectives we set out were:

- Each young person will make a papier mâché globe.
- To make travel guides about a specific country or city.
- Make a poster focused on a specific country or city

Not all of the young succeeded in making a globe as some of them collapsed when the papier mâché set. However, they all had a go and the completed painted globes gave everyone an idea of what the earth looks like.

The group did very well making travel guides and posters focused on specific countries. They were split into four groups and each group had to make a four-page Microsoft word document all about a given country we discussed the different countries of the world and all the variety of things that they export and import etc. Each group effectively researched their chosen country and produced a guide to their country, complete with flag, photos, and interesting and important facts. The posters which they then produced for their chosen country were maps of the country with important words relating to that country in it. For

instance, the group researching Brazil focused a lot on the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics in their guide, and wrote both of these words on their poster.

The club was a bit quiet to start off with, but over the weeks the children gained more confidence learning about how maps are made and climates in different places that allow them to grow different crops from what we would have here in Britain, the group were given different kinds of maps and given the task of putting the countries on their part and then colouring them in with the colours that their flag would be.

They were asked lots of questions on what their country did best and worst and then we asked them about other places. The young people were really good at this and were keen to give us lots of information. A few of the group had been checking on the internet earlier to find out as much as they could about this, which was really good and showed lots of initiative.

Another activity was watching the movie "Cool Runnings". It tells the story of a group of Jamaican athletes who formed a bobsled team and qualified for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. Based on a true story, the young people were fascinated by it. The reason for watching it was to show them a culture vastly different to their own. The start of the

movie is set in Jamaica, all tropical weather and Caribbean accents. The Jamaican stars then experience a culture change of their own when they travel to Calgary in Canada. I feel it was great for the group to see these different cultures and the different lives people can lead. The film portrays the difficulty in adapting in Calgary and this is an important lesson for young people too, that change can be difficult but ultimately worth it. With this being quite a mixed age group the older ones did very well and gave the younger ones lots of guidance and help.

I think there is potentially a great deal more to explore, the world is a huge subject and there are many more areas to consider. I think the work we did in this club has had a impact on the young people and they have learnt a lot.

This is a club that we could run again with all ages I think they really enjoyed the quiz part of it