

# Cultural experiences in different subjects

Use some of these ideas to enrich the children's cultural experiences in different curriculum subjects.

## Art and design

- Invite an artist into school to draw, paint or sculpt with the children.
- Visit a local art gallery, and ask a guide to teach children about the artwork.
- Visit examples of urban art, for example, statues, monuments and sculpture parks.
- Invite parents and the local community to view the children's art exhibited in a public space.

## Science

- Visit a local space, outdoor education or science centre and arrange for an expert to share their knowledge on a scientific topic.
- Visit a university research laboratory or invite a scientist to talk to the children about their research or area of expertise.
- Invite a doctor, dentist, physiotherapist or nurse to talk about the human body or bodily systems.
- Visit a local farm or petting zoo to learn about animal care.
- Take an active part in a national science week.

## History

- Visit a museum and ask an expert to share their knowledge on a topic.
- Visit a local history site or living history museum.
- Visit an important historical monument, church or building to learn about an aspect of local, national or world history.
- Invite a local historian into school to share their expertise and knowledge on a topic.

## Geography

- Carry out fieldwork in a local park or landscape.
- Organise field trips to observe different physical features and places, including coasts and rivers.
- Invite geographical experts to share knowledge on a topic.
- Visit a local farm to look at land use and food production.

## English

- Organise a debating club.
- Organise a book fair.
- Set up a current affairs club to widen appreciation of global events.
- Provide opportunities for children to speak publicly on topics of interest.
- Invite local writers into school to support creative writing workshops.
- Use the local library and ask librarians or parents to read stories to the children.
- Organise creative curriculum projects in and out of school linked to your local theatre or cinema.

## Physical education

- Visit local or national sports events or centres.
- Form sports and dance clubs, including disability sports.
- Visit outdoor and adventure centres, including residential visits.
- Invite a local sportsperson or sports team to teach the children skills and knowledge of a sport.

## General

- Introduce 'family dining' opportunities for families to share foods of their culture and to introduce and develop dining etiquette.
- Celebrate and teach children about religious festivals and cultural events, such as Chinese New Year, birthdays and sporting events.
- Establish a philosophy club to encourage self-expression, debate and public speaking.
- Invite parents and carers or community groups into school to talk to the children about their cultural traditions.