

Roseberry Primary School

KS2 Christmas Around The World

Key Stage 2 came together to show their understanding of a traditional British Christmas and how it compares to those around the world. The children sang of others around the world in their opening song 'Children of the World' which got everyone in the mood for the upbeat performance that followed.

The children applied their understanding of British values and how they impact our lives today, making reference to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's introduction of a Christmas tree in 1840 and how we still follow that tradition today.

They took us on a cultural trip round the world as they played out some Christmas scenes from other countries and explained how they compare to our celebrations.

First stop was China with each child asking Father Christmas for something traditionally British such as a roast turkey meal, chocolates and fairy lights before explaining the Chinese alternatives which included intricate cards, symbolic apples and paper lanterns.

We were swiftly moved on to Germany and told how their Christmas starts early with children placing shoes for 'St Nikolas Tag' on 5th December followed by a well rehearsed rendition of Stille Nacht (Silent Night), sang entirely in German.

Next it was Spain and the children shared an enthusiastic performance of 'Feliz Navidad' that got everyone tapping their feet. Christmas Eve is important in the Spanish culture and it was explained how they attend midnight mass and enjoy a family meal as well as celebrating Epiphany in January.

The children continued their tour of the world with a stop in the Caribbean and shared a highly energetic, colourful performance to express the culture, which shares many similarities with Britain, except with a calypso beat!

Finally it was France and the children had an opportunity to share their language skills by reciting a lengthy poem in French, much to the delight of Mrs Atkinson.

The performance concluded with the children recognising that although many countries celebrate the story of the birth of Jesus, they do so in different ways, some of which relate to our own British traditions.

To close the performance they joined together to wish everyone a merry Christmas and invited us to remember those around the world that would not be celebrating this year.

"I liked singing the Spanish song Feliz Navidad. I learnt a lot about how other countries celebrate Christmas." Niamh

"It was great fun to sing all the songs." Grace

"It was brilliant! We have been to both performances as it was so good." Amy's Grandparents

“It was really good. Declan is always singing at home and has been practicing the songs.”
Declan’s Nana