



Heritage Holidays

A project about Skara Brae by Year 5 and 6

Overview

This term in UKS 2 the children undertook a History, Geography, Literacy and Art based project on Holidays. As part of their literacy they learnt how to write reports detailing the countries in Europe that had buildings, gardens, statues, paintings or monuments of significant worldwide interest, that are protected. They revised key features of this text type and incorporated their writing targets in to their published pieces. Numeracy work involved timelines, distances from Eagle and position and direction, as they used maps to locate places on specific country maps. Floor plans of buildings were made using outdoor equipment and were then drawn to scale. Key language for these areas was revised and used.

The children formed a company called 'Heritage Holidays' and received a commission to promote tourism to Skara Brae, a Neolithic settlement in Orkney, that is on the UNESCO World Heritage list! They explored the lifestyle and homes from 6000 years ago, diet and harvest, clothing and survival. Travel to the site was published through leaflets, which outlined how travellers today could reach the Orkney Islands.

Facilitator Reflection

This was an exciting project, as the children became experts in talking about European countries and heritage sites within this area. Their headquarters was Eagle Castle, on the shores of Loch Lomond and a striking model of where they operated from was made in class. Working in groups, they presented what they found out and were confident to sell holidays to visiting parents as part of an open afternoon. Group projects were detailed and informative and certainly opened the eyes of the children to a community from long ago, that not only we could learn about, but also learn from and draw parallels with!

Pupil Reflection

I loved being part of Heritage Holidays. It was great to think that we were helping tourism to the Orkney Islands and highlighting places of interest that could become holiday destinations for our families. It was awesome when parents came in and we could use our reports to advise them on where to go on holiday - I think some wanted to book straight away!