



Portugal Lesson plan

Learning Intentions

Children will be able to:

- Recall key facts about Portugal and the festival of St Anthony
- Compare Portuguese culture and tradition to that of their own country
- Take part in a Portuguese style dance.

Introduction

You will need:

Mind map

- Begin by recording the information you already know about Portugal on a mind map. Ask the children to find out the capital, currency, language and flag and record these on your mind map.

Atlases

Display table

- Find out if anyone has been to Portugal or know anyone who has. Explore the various tourist destinations. Ask if anyone can bring any souvenirs etc from home or find travel brochures/ ads for Portugal. These can be used to make an information display table about Portugal.

Brochures
Items from home

Currency counting

- In Portugal the currency is the Euro. In groups set your class a challenge to list as many countries as possible who use the Euro within 5 mins.

Portuguese around the world

- Did you know that Portuguese is the 6th most commonly spoken language in the world? Set the children a challenge at home to find as many Portuguese speaking countries as possible.

Warm Up

Groups in hoops

- Place multicoloured hoops around the floor in the hall. The children move carefully around the hall until the teacher calls a number and colour in Portuguese. The children must get into a group of this size inside the correctly coloured hoop. Anybody not in a group is out!

The Portuguese Circle:

- All the children sit in a circle.
- Go round the circle and give every child a number/ colour in Portuguese.
- When a child's number/colour is called they must race around the circle and sit back down in their place.
- The last child to sit down is out.
- Another variation of this is to give each child a number between 1 + 10 and put 4 coloured bean bags in the centre.
- The teacher calls a number in Portuguese and a colour and the children of that number must race round the circle, with the first child to collect the correctly coloured bean bag winning a point.

Shooting hoops

- Divide the class into 5 teams. 1 member from each team takes their go at a time.
- The teacher calls 2 colours in Portuguese; the first corresponds to the colour of a beanbag and the second to the colour of the hoop.
- 1 member from each team must run to the other end of the hall and select the correct colour of beanbag and throw it in the correct hoop.
- If they get it right they get 1 point for their team, but if they are wrong they lose a point.

Main Activity

- Now you are ready to begin teaching your 'Portuguese St Anthony Dance'.
- Begin by teaching each section separately and then put them all together.

Have fun!!!!

Follow up

World cup madness!!

- Portugal are currently taking part in the qualifiers for World Cup 2010. Check out the FIFA website to see their groups and points. Ask the children to find the maximum and minimum points that they and the other teams in their group can finish with. You may like to find out more

You will need:

Red, green, yellow, blue hoops and beanbags.

Print out of Portuguese colour and number vocabulary.

www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_1/cultureclub/learning/portugal.shtml

You will need:

The Culture Club dance demonstration (You can watch this beforehand).
CD
Choreographers notes

You will need

FIFA website
www.fifa.com

about Portuguese players and the other countries in their group.

Travel Brochures

- A fun literacy activity can be to gather information about tourism in Portugal and ask your class to create their own travel brochure encouraging people to go there.

Christopher Columbus

- Christopher Columbus visited Lisbon in 1492 and it was here that he was inspired to sail across the Atlantic to the Americas. Click on the link to find out more about his life. Ask your class to create a story board showing the life of Christopher Columbus.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/famouspeople/standard/columbus/index.shtml#focus

Make your Piñata

- Click on the link for instructions on how to make your own piñata

Link

www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/cultureclube/doi/pinata.shtml

Host your own Cultural Celebration

- Organise a cultural celebration in school. Include facts on Portugal a performance of the Portuguese style dance and sing The Culture Club song “Come Together Everyone”.
- The Do It Den section of the website provides useful planning resources, music, dance routines, recipes, prop and costume ideas.

Links

www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/cultureclube/doi/den.shtml

www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/cultureclube/doi/celebration.shtml