



India Lesson Plan

Learning Intentions

Children will be able to:

- Recall key facts about India and Holi
- Compare Indian cultures and traditions with those of their own country
- Take part in an Indian style dance

Introduction

Before beginning your dance lesson, you may wish to carry out some classroom based activities to improve the children's knowledge of India. Here are some ideas to get you started;

Mind map:

- Find out what the class already know about India and display it on a mind-map. Ask the children to find out the capital, continent, flag and languages spoken there and add this information to your mind map.

Continent cards

- Click on the link to open the world map. Show the children that India is in the continent of Asia. Find out the names of the other continents.
- In pairs give the children 2 pieces of A4 card which they must divide into 10 playing cards. On 1 card the children write the names of any 10 countries in the world. On the other card the children write the name of the corresponding continent for each card. Cut out the cards, shuffle them and lay them face down on the table. This game works like 'the memory game' so the children must match each country to its continent to win the cards. The player with the most cards at the end wins.

Indian Wildlife

Ask the children to carry out some research on the wildlife found in India. Use the links to get you started.

You will need:

Atlases
A4 card
Pencils, rulers, scissors
World map

www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/cultureclub/clubhouse/downloads.shtml

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_640000/newsid_6400500/6400523.stm

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_442000/newsid_4420900/4420917.stm

Warm up

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 Hindi; 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.

Elephants and poachers

- Select 4 children to be poachers, the rest are elephants. The elephants must move carefully around the hall whilst the poachers try to catch them. If they are tapped, they are out.
- Place coloured hoops on the floor. The elephants are safe if they stand in the hoop, but only if they can say the colour of that hoop in Hindi.

Animal charades

- In groups the children must select an animal which is indigenous to India.
- They then move around the hall pretending to be this animal, whilst the other children try to guess what they are.

Main activity

- You are now ready to begin teaching your Indian Holi festival dance.
- Try teaching 1 section at a time, then putting the whole routine together.

Have fun!

You will need:

Green, red, yellow, blue hoops and bean bags

Print out Hindi colour and number vocabulary

www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/cultureclub/learning/india.shtml

Coloured hoops

Print out of Hindi colour vocab

Some examples are- Indian elephant, tiger, one horned rhino, water buffalo or swamp deer.

You will need:

The Culture Club music download choreographers' notes
The Culture Club dance demonstration.

Follow Up

Find out more about Holi

- You can find out more about the Holi celebrations in India by clicking on the link.
- Why not try making cardboard figures of Prahlad and Holika to act out the story of Holi?

Holi Cards

- Did you know that in India people send cards to each other during the Holi celebrations?
- Some of the cards have jokes in them, whilst others have messages of love like a Valentine's card.
- Ask your class to design their own Holi card, which says 'Happy Holi' on the front.
- Remember Holi is a very colourful celebration, so make sure they are bright.

Taj Mahal

- The Taj Mahal is one of the most famous buildings in India. Click on the link to read about one school's visit to the Taj Mahal.
- Your class can make very effective pictures of the Taj Mahal by using white chalk on a black card background.

Firework art

- Many colourful fireworks are let off during the Holi celebrations. Why not try some finger painting and create your own firework pictures?

Projects

- Why not use 'The Culture Club' as a launch pad for some projects. You may like to focus on Indian wildlife, food or on different festivals with a religious theme.

Host your own Cultural Celebration

- Organise a cultural celebration in school. Include facts on India, a performance of the Indian 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.

You will need:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/hinduism/holi.shtml>

Card
Paints

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_4220000/newsid_4225700/4225769.stm

Black card
Chalk

Paint
paper

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ni/cultureclub/doitden.shtml>

Your celebration
www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/cultureclub/doit/celebration.shtml