

Carnival

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Identity

History/ Geography

Questions: What is 'carnival' and why is it celebrated?

What are the roots of carnival in the UK?

What does it mean to belong? What is discrimination? As a society, should we be colour blind? Are we in a post-racial culture? Why are minority groups sometimes treated differently? What other countries have carnival? Why?

Concepts: discrimination identity culture protest
identification human-rights

Key text:

Coming To England by Floella Benjamin.

Poetry exploring identity.

Biographies of key figures behind the establishment of carnivals and festivals (eg. Claudia Jones – Notting Hill Carnival).

Speeches given by key figures (eg. Martin Luther King)

Key vocabulary:

carnival minority
prejudice identity
rights equality equity
racism phobia
activists inclusivity

English:

The children will look at key people involved in carnivals that have identity as a core to their inception. The children will explore speeches given by minority activists. They will look at how literature is used to express feelings and as a tool for voicing opinions.

RE:

The children will explore the roots of religious festivals and celebrations. They will look at how people identify themselves with certain religions and how this is encapsulated in their outward expressions of faith

Learning Journey:

The children will explore how festivals, parades and carnivals have their inception through the need to identify with a certain group. We will explore why people of particular groups come together exclusively with people they identify with.

PSHE:

The children will explore what it means to belong: to explore what identity means and how identity is important in understanding oneself.

And wherever our journey takes us...

