

# WORLD CLASS

Project plan: Let's sing



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### 1.1 *Window on the World: Primary*

**Let's Sing:** Practise and present a traditional song or rhyme for your twin to learn

#### **How your pupils can benefit from this project:**

**Let's Sing** is designed to help your pupils discover more about the world around them through music and drama. During Stage 1 of the project they will:

- learn the music and words of a song or rhyme
- develop a greater sense of rhythm and melody
- think about the words/story of the song and what it means
- perform the song on an audio cassette recording

In Stage 2 of the project they will:

- learn the music and words of a song or rhyme that the pupils in the twin school sing
- learn more about the history of the song

**Age group:** 7-9

**Curriculum areas:** music, drama, literacy, history

**Language required:** language connected with music and song, other language relating to the topic of the song

## STAGE 1:

### Preparation:

- Choose a traditional song (or rhyme) for your pupils to learn. This could be a song they are already familiar with or one that is new to them. Ideally choose a song that has a mime or game to go with it.
- Prepare an audio recording of the song if you do not wish to sing it in class yourself.
- Prepare the words of the song for the pupils to use. If you have the resources, you could make a worksheet of these.
- Decide whether you want the pupils to accompany the song with musical instruments.

### Procedure:

1. Tell the pupils that they are going to learn/revise a song to send on a recording to their twin.
2. Tell the pupils the name of the song and either play an audio recording of it or sing it to them. Let the pupils just listen to the song once or twice so that they begin to understand the tune and rhythm.
3. Ask the pupils whether they know the song and if they know what it is about. Do they know the background to the song? Explain any parts that they do not understand. Help them with any of the words they might have difficulty with e.g. that are new to them or hard to pronounce
4. Hand out the words of the song (where appropriate) and help the pupils to learn it, approaching it line by line.
5. If you want to, encourage the pupils to use instruments to accompany the song. If there are actions or a game that accompany the song teach this to the children at the same time.
6. Make sure that the pupils have plenty of practice and feel confident about singing before you prepare to record the song on an audio cassette.
7. Record the pupils singing the song.

## **STAGE 2:**

### **a) Your project in your twin school: Learn a song**

The aim of this stage is to provide your twin with an audio cassette of the song so that their pupils can learn the song too. To help them achieve this:

- Send a copy of the audio cassette
- Send a copy of the words and, where necessary, some ideas of what the song is about. You might like to get your pupils to prepare a version of the words with pictures to help the pupils in your twin to understand the song better
- Send some ideas of the song's history and why it is traditional/popular to help the teacher in your twin to talk about it
- If there are actions or a game that go with the song, send an explanation of how they work

### **b) Your twin's project in your school:**

Prepare to teach the pupils the song you have received from your twin. You will need to learn it yourself first, of course. You may need to provide a copy of the words and to help your pupils to understand what it is about. After they have learnt the song talk to the pupils about what the song is about and why it is an important song in your twin school.

### **Adaptations:**

#### **Younger age groups:**

- rather than words to accompany the song you can use a series of pictures to help them to understand it better.

### **Using technology: If you have the resources you could:**

- create a video of your pupils singing the song to send to your twin. This will be particularly helpful if you want the pupils to learn a mime or game at the same time.