

Unlocking the world through library

Our partner school in India invited us to participate in another British Council project called 'Unlocking the World through Libraries', which aims to foster cultural exchange and enhance literacy through poetry. As part of this initiative, we received three traditional poems from India, each accompanied by their English translations, and were tasked with learning and preparing performances of these pieces. In a reciprocal exchange, we also selected three traditional English poems that we felt represented our culture and sent them to our Indian friends, requesting them to learn and perform these works as well. Following this collaborative effort, we exchanged videos of our performances, which allowed us to experience first-hand the interpretations of our chosen poems by the children in India and, in turn, how our poems were brought to life by their students. This exchange proved to be a profoundly interesting experience for all the children involved, as they were able to appreciate the rich cultural contexts and diverse artistic interpretations surrounding each poem, thus broadening their understanding of both English and Indian literary traditions.

