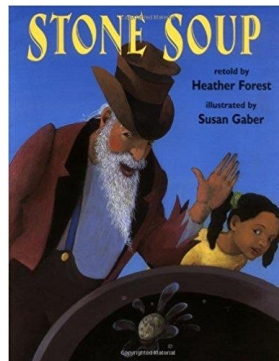


KS1 GRT History Month Ideas

The story of Stone Soup is the well-known and well-loved Traveller tale. It is the story of a Traveller man and his 'magic stone'. This traditional tale could be used as a focus for GRT History Month in Key Stage 1. There are many versions of this popular tale however the version by Heather Forest and illustrated by Susan Gaber is particularly beautiful.



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There are many cross-curricular links that could be made to this traditional tale. However the story links well to The National Curriculum framework for PSHE and Citizenship. It would provide a good opportunity for the children to engage in role play and reenact the story in their own words. Role play would enable pupils to focus on the different characters, their feelings and motivations throughout the story. The strong moral message of Stone Soup is the importance of sharing and working together, no matter who you are. This focus on inclusion and caring would be a wonderful way to celebrate GRT History month.

Activity Ideas

- Role Play – develop a role play area as a camp and bring together props to retell the tale with the children.
- Make a 'stone soup' in groups and focus on helping each other.
- Share foods that are special to children and families and discuss why and when they would be eaten.
- Share and write recipes that are special to families and make a class recipe book.

Crown Derby China

Crown Derby China and especially the 'Old Imari' design, holds a special significance for some Travellers. When people travel, delicate items become very precious and highly prized. Some Traveller families love to display their collections. Derby China was the only manufacturer of luxury fine bone china when it was first established in 1750. The Imari pattern was first produced in Victorian times, when it became very fashionable and Queen Victoria gave a Royal Warrant to the factory. Today the pattern remains true to those original Victorian designs and each piece is hand finished with 22ct gold. Therefore pieces can command a very high price.

Activity Ideas

The Imari patterns could be the starting point for a creative project on Traveller culture. There could be many cross-curricular links made. These could include links to History when studying the Victorians and Mathematics where shape and pattern could be explored. There are many easily accessible images of the Imari pattern available on internet search engines. The children could design and decorate their own Imari inspired plate, by painting their own designs on to paper plates. These plates could make an eye-catching display.

