

Around the world in one school day



Pupils at St John's CE First School in Wimborne took part in a cultural day learning about the lives and cultures of different countries, China, Brazil, Canada, Thailand and Kenya.

Youngsters at one Dorset school were able to take a virtual tour around the world in just one day.

St John's CE First School in Wimborne staged its first ever Around the World Day.

During the special event the pupils got to travel around five different 'countries' – China, Brazil, Canada, Thailand and Kenya – all without leaving their school building.

The school, part of Wimborne Academy Trust, transformed its rooms into a different world to help the children feel they were in another country.

Executive headteacher, Jo Hancock, said: "We believe that learning about other cultures can provide an opening to children learning a foreign language.

"Learning about other countries and traditions can also foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.

"This was our first Around the World Day and it was such a success we hope to explore other countries in the future."

During the day children moved around different rooms to learn about each country.

They took part in fun activities helping them to explore topics such as race, religion, language, traditions and gender.

In the China room they made dragons, while in Brazil they created carnival masks, over in Canada they cooked tasty flapjacks and also took part in maple leaf artwork, in Thailand they were taught a traditional dance and in Kenya they learned one of the country's songs.

CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, said: "St John's Around the World Day was a wonderful journey of learning.

"Not only did they get to experience other cultures but they were also given an insight into how we're all equal; despite differences in how we look or dress, or what we eat or celebrate."