



HOME-SCHOOL INSPIRATION



If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?

This week we travel to Thailand.

Tradition and Culture

Thailand is a country full of culture and tradition. Take a 5-minute tour of this beautiful country:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVfjXKldI-0>



Traditional Thai dancing is a combination of graceful body movements together with elaborate costumes and music.



Watch and have a go yourself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04sfcOtG4u0>



Buddhism



About 96% of Thailand's population is Buddhist. Buddhism is a religion that encourages its followers to reduce suffering in the world. Because of the Buddhist influence in this culture, many boys and young men become monks for a short time in their lives. Find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh4mrj6/articles/zdbvjhw>



Lotus Flower

The lotus flower is an important religious symbol. It is seen as the flower of Buddhism.

Try making an origami lotus flower:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJUJs2CmE8A>

Mandalas

The Mandala is a representation of the Universe in Buddhism.



<https://www.color-a-mandala.com/free-printable-coloring-pages/>

Songs and Rhymes

Listen to these Thai songs. Do you recognise the tunes?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muK3CAQIAr4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxRw_pTNW0Q

Elephants in Thailand

The elephant is the national animal of Thailand. Elephants have been kept by the Thai Royal Family for hundreds of years. They are often used in royal ceremonies where they are dressed in colourful outfits and sometimes painted.

Can you make an elephant handprint painting?:

<https://www.woojr.com/elephant-handprint-craft/>

Or a cardboard roll elephant?:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBTW58IBIS8>



Wai

The Thai greeting referred to as the Wai consists of a slight bow, with the palms pressed together in a prayer-like fashion. As well as a greeting, and a way of saying goodbye, the Wai is a sign of respect.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyHgg4DACjk>



Find out more...

- How many islands does Thailand have?
- Bangkok is the capital city of Thailand. What is its full ceremonial name and why is it in the Guinness Book of Records?
- This is a takraw, what is it for?
- What is Thailand's national sport?



There are no limits to what you can discover!



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