



HOME-SCHOOL INSPIRATION



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

This week we travel to Indonesia.

Geography

Indonesia is made up of around 14,750 islands, of which about 6,000 are inhabited, scattered across either side of the equator. The largest of these islands are Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo), Sulawesi, and the Indonesian part of New Guinea called Papua.

Indonesia is part of the Pacific Rim "Ring of Fire". The country has some 400 volcanoes; about 150 of these are active which is around 75% of all currently active volcanoes on Earth.



Make your own erupting volcano (make a cone with card if you don't have a party hat!)

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

Shadow Puppets



Shadow puppetry or shadow play has been a popular form of storytelling since ancient times. The shadow puppets of Indonesia are called Wayang Kulit. Wayang means *shadow* and Kulit means *leather*. The puppets are called Wayang Kulit because the puppet figures are usually made of leather. Find out more here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfydro4X2t0>

Make your own shadow puppets:

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

Borobudur

Borobudur is the largest Buddhist temple in the world. It is a unique temple located on a hill between two twin volcanoes and two rivers. It is Indonesia's most visited tourist attraction.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwIN_k4ZQSU



Have a go at drawing part of Borobudur:

<https://youtu.be/ipKyveEjZzY>



Batik



Batik is the art of decorating cloth using wax and dye. It has been practised for centuries. In Java, Indonesia, batik is part of an ancient tradition, and some of the finest batik cloth in the world is still made there. The word batik originates from the Javanese *tik* and means to dot.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8JUA7EcNTE>

Languages Spoken

More than 700 living languages are spoken in Indonesia. The official language is Indonesian (locally known as *bahasa Indonesia*).

Learn to count to 10 in Indonesian here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrX1wVHggM4>

Find out more...

- What is the capital of Indonesia?
- What is the main religion in Indonesia?
- Dragons live in Indonesia, find out about them here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMO8LibZe4>
- What other animals live there?

There are no limits to what you can discover!



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