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Monster Castle - Intercultural awareness and understanding

ACTIVITY 2: THANK YOU AROUND THE WORLD

Objectives/ aims of activity (children will be able to):

- Encourage gratitude as an enrichment of cultural openness
- Understand different ways of thanking in various languages

Activity steps

- 1) The teacher invites children to share how they say 'thank you' at home or in their family language(s). Another 4-5 ways of saying 'thank you' are introduced (e.g. merci, danke, shukran, arigatou, grazie, hvala), and the children are encouraged to repeat these words.
- 2) The teacher and children explore "thank you" in different scripts (see resource), including those in children's home languages.
- 3) Children draw pictures of someone they would like to thank (e.g. a friend, a family member). Additionally, they can choose one of the 'thank you' words to write next to their drawing.
- 4) To encourage children to develop gratitude as a way of appreciating everyday moments and experiences - not just as a response to receiving something – the teacher can include a reflective question as part of the morning circle: What are you thankful for today.

Resources needed to carry out the activity

- Thank you in different scripts: Story6_PL_2_Res

Approximative time indication for activity: adapt as needed

Link to other activity

- SAME NAME, DIFFERENT LETTERS (Intercultural awareness and understanding, story 5, activity 1)