

In early May Mrs Byng and I made a second visit to Sanlucar in Spain. It was fantastic for us to go back to a familiar place, and to see everybody again. As it was our second visit we wanted to spend more time in the school with the children. We asked if it would be possible for us to teach an art lesson, as text books are used for everything in Spanish schools and the children rarely get to paint or make anything. Between us we devised an activity that would involve colour mixing, cutting and gluing, we decided to make fish kites! We took powder paint onto the plane, paintbrushes and collage materials.

The teaching was novel as neither of us spoke any Spanish, having to rely on somebody else's classroom management was a little tricky, we would give an instruction, which was then translated. It was frustrating if we could tell children needed to move on etc but we had no language to step in.



Other than that the experience was amazing, the children were so excited about painting and so interested in the colour mixing, every piece was different and the range of colours was fantastic. When they asked for help, we just muddled through! We will never forget constructing the kites in the playground, surrounded by the children chatting away, working alongside the Spanish teacher, with the sun blazing down! We were delighted with the results, but disappointed that we couldn't work our way through the whole school, maybe another time...?!

