
ACTIVITY TITLE: "BREW IT FAIR: MESSAGES TO THE UK GOVERNMENT"

Objective:

To help pupils understand the importance of fair trade, the challenges faced by tea farmers, and to empower them to use their voices to call for government action in support of ethical trade.

Time Required:

45–60 minutes

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the activity, pupils will:

- Understand the concept of Fairtrade and its role in supporting farmers
- Learn how government policy can impact global trade and worker rights.
- Feel empowered to speak out on global issues.
- Create a meaningful display to raise awareness and show collective action.

Materials Needed:

- Printed tea leaf templates
- Crayons, markers, coloured pencils
- Pens or pencils for writing
- Scissors
- Bulletin board or wall space for display
- Reference resources for teachers- Brew it Fair Tea Resources

Activity Steps:

1. Introduction (10–15 minutes)

Discuss where tea comes from and who grows it – introduce the idea of tea farmers and some of the challenges they face (e.g. low wages, climate change, lack of rights) – ref: Brew it Fair Tea resources.

Talk about Fairtrade and how it works to ensure fair prices, safe working conditions, and sustainable practices.

Talk about the role of the UK Government in supporting ethical trade – and how pupils, even at a young age, can speak up and ask leaders to take action.

2. Creative activity (25–30 minutes)

Give each pupil a tea leaf template.

Pupils decorate their leaf using colours and patterns.

On the other side of the leaf, they write a message to the UK Government. This should encourage support for Fairtrade and ethical treatment of tea farmers.

Example messages:

- Please make sure all tea farmers are paid fairly!
- Support Fairtrade so workers around the world can live safely and earn enough money.
- I care about tea farmers. Please help protect their rights.
- Make Fairtrade the norm, not the exception!
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Tip: For younger pupils, provide sentence starters like:

- Dear UK Government, I think...
- Please help tea farmers by...

3. Display (10–15 minutes)

Create a display Tree or Wall:

Draw or stick up a tea bush trunk, and arrange the leaves as the foliage.

TEA LEAF TEMPLATES

