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School: Burton Bishop Wilson Primary	LA: Cheshire								
Teacher: Mrs Suzanne Roberts	Students: Year 3								
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Learning Focus: To provide authentic locality learning through peer communication.									
Curriculum Focus: Literacy, Geography > Locality									
Tools used:  Forum									
<p>Nadia Phillips Ms S Roberts 06 Nov 2007 20:19</p> <p>Nadia is now living in Houston in Texas. She would like to keep in touch and find out what is going on in school. Tell Nadia something interesting you have been doing and ask her a question about where she lives and what it is like to live in Texas. She might add posts of her own or reply to your post! <i>Remember to type your post carefully to avoid mistakes and to be polite!</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Info</th> <th>Post</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ms S Roberts 06 Nov 2007 20:23 Post 1</td> <td> <p>Nadia</p> <p>Nadia we have had a new toilet block built and we are having the hall extended.</p> <p>Do you ever have any snow in winter in Texas?</p> <p>Mrs. Roberts</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms S Roberts 12 Nov 2007 11:11 Post 2</td> <td> <p>Hi Nadia</p> <p>Hi Nadia, We have been learning French with Mrs. Ritson and we have made a display about the Hungry caterpillar.</p> <p>From Mrs. Roberts, Lottie and class 3!</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charlotte Gill 12 Nov 2007 17:34</td> <td> <p>Hi Nadia</p> <p>In class 3 we play hockey in P.E, we do our times tables and division in maths and we do temperature in science. What are you doing in your school? In England this morning it was freeeeeeeezing! What temperature was it in Texas. From Lottie</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Nadia from Houston Texas, where cowboys come from.</p> <p>Hi everyone, I am really excited because I can now send you emails. Bigs hugs and kisses to everyone. It is late at night and I am going to bed now but I will send you a long email tomorrow. I hope I don't write in American! It is lovely here at the moment, like a sunny Burton summer day, it gets icy in January but it never snows. It is very, very hot in the summer and you stay inside alot. My dog Kobe is 14 this week and we are making him a chicken and rice cake. We do lots of homework but are only just starting multiplication. We do lots of science and I like it alot. I have a friend called Mickey who is very funny and her parents are English as well. I like playing the piano and got my first medal this week. We have seen snakes, armadillo, eagles and buffalo, and I swam with beluga whales in San Antonio. I am home on the 21st Dec and will try and see everyone, I hope you are all still my friends.</p> <p>Miss ya'll,</p> <p>Nadia</p> <p>Naida</p> <p>Hi Naida it sounds like your having a Great time over there. Class 3 is great fun. Mrs.Hoarty is still not back ,but we do have Mrs.Ritson and she does french with us,but it would be much better if your were here. were all missing you. Im on Mrs.Robert's laptop so I have got to go.</p> <p>love Shannon</p>		Info	Post	Ms S Roberts 06 Nov 2007 20:23 Post 1	<p>Nadia</p> <p>Nadia we have had a new toilet block built and we are having the hall extended.</p> <p>Do you ever have any snow in winter in Texas?</p> <p>Mrs. Roberts</p>	Ms S Roberts 12 Nov 2007 11:11 Post 2	<p>Hi Nadia</p> <p>Hi Nadia, We have been learning French with Mrs. Ritson and we have made a display about the Hungry caterpillar.</p> <p>From Mrs. Roberts, Lottie and class 3!</p>	Charlotte Gill 12 Nov 2007 17:34	<p>Hi Nadia</p> <p>In class 3 we play hockey in P.E, we do our times tables and division in maths and we do temperature in science. What are you doing in your school? In England this morning it was freeeeeeeezing! What temperature was it in Texas. From Lottie</p>
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<p>How this worked in practice: When one of the children in a class is preparing to move to another country and to another school, the children's classmates often find the transition of this difficult. The example above shows a superb way of supporting both the child moving and the children remaining using the cLc learning platform. The class teacher set up a  forum named after the child that was moving home – Nadia, and allowed the child to keep her existing login to the school. This then gave all the children in the class to write  messages to Nadia in find out about her new life, new school and new country. Although the initial  messages were very much focused around keeping in touch and supporting the changes that both Nadia and her former classmates were facing, the subject matter developed into conversations surrounding locality, cultural changes, environmental differences between Texas and England, and how the school and lessons differed. The time difference also helped, as the children in England would post  messages during the day and then while they were sleeping Nadia could log on and respond to their  posts. This role of 'expert' gives the child moving home a real self-confidence boost at a time when children normally feel very vulnerable amidst the changes taking place in their lives.</p>									
<p>By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:</p> <p>Literacy: Informative writing, Vocabulary and Descriptive writing.</p>									
<p>Next Steps: The children and teacher could now expand this project and start linking in with other schools around the world to find new friends in other countries, to compare and contrast other localities. They could use one of the UniServity Collaborative Projects to support this.</p>									

The named teacher has kindly agreed for this example and the relevant contact details, to be shared within the cLc community for other teachers benefit.