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& beans
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a basketful of fair trade activities

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Introduction

This pack is for anyone who has ever been shopping. Although we may appreciate that many of the products we buy have travelled across the world, how often do we stop and think about the people who produced them?

We are all consumers, and from an early age primary school pupils take an increasingly active part as consumers in the global market place – they are all aware of advertising, go shopping and make choices which have an impact on people thousands of miles away.

ananas & (Cocoa) beans investigates our links with people across the globe through trade in food and drink products. World trade has increased considerably in the last 20 years, helped by the rapid growth of information technology. Big businesses, and their subsidiaries, can arrange the transfer of money and goods from one country to another with the click of a mouse. 'Globalisation' describes this way in which people across the globe are becoming increasingly interconnected and interdependent.

The pack is divided into four parts, each of which can 'stand alone', be used in sequence, or be used to build a new dimension into existing schemes of work. It starts by raising awareness of our global links, and then goes on to look at the negative impact these links can have (Part 1). Fair Trade is introduced as a positive alternative (Parts 2 & 3), and ways in which we can all take action for positive change follow on from this (Part 4). Each part includes teacher information, pupil activities and photocopiable materials – and has been designed for minimum teacher preparation and maximum pupil participation.

