*SCHOOL COOPERATION BEYOND BORDERS : INDIA & GREECE*

2018-2019

Title of the international program : **“India @ Greece : Creating, Exchanging**

**and Exploring our Cultural Alphabets”**

Teacher responsible:Adamantia Vaitsi (1st Grade teacher)

Duration : February (mid) – April (beginning)

Number of pupils participating : 21 1st graders (in Greece)

Activities

Students will be assigned words-one for each letter of the Greek alphabet-that “act as reminders” of our culture (worldwide known personalities, monuments, geographical terms, typical dishes, customs, etc.) and they will be asked to bring one photo and a drawing for each word. Once the material is collected, it will be enriched with the pronunciation of each word-so that our friends in India will be able to read them- as well as some information regarding the choice of the specific words. This activity will be completed with the creation of an “electronic book” titled “Our cultural alphabet” that will be either sent to our partners via mail or posted on a shared educational platform. The 1st graders from India will follow an equivalent procedure. Then each class will work on the material of the partner country and students will be given the opportunity to explore and learn about another civilization.

This program will be completed with a second activity that will take place in early April. Students will have a Skype session and after they have introduced themselves, they will play a game : every child will show a photo of a word and the students from the other country will have to say the correct cultural word. At the end of the session the children will be given the chance to exchange views and feelings regarding their participation in these activities.

Aims and Outcomes

These two interrelated activities will help students:

* build up their knowledge on both their culture and the culture of another country,
* become aware of the different aspects of culture,
* “build bridges” with people from another country, from a different civilization, thus promoting cultural awareness and acceptance.