A personal reflection. Young person's reflections of first time in Jamaica.

My Impression of Jamaica

My first impression was how humid Jamaica felt. I loved how many animals there were – including stray dogs and chickens wandering around. (I took a video of 2 male chickens fighting!) There was an abundance of lizards, and I saw some mongoose.

Negril

My visit started in Negril, famous for its clean, glimmering beach. We went to the beach nearly every day, and played in the sea, where we saw fish of different colours – white, brown and black. We got caught in thunderstorms a couple of times and got drenched – but that was all part of the fun.

In Negril, we had rice & peas nearly every day – but it was still nice. I had it with jerk pork and fried chicken.

Ocho Rios

After we left Negril, we went to Ocho Rios, where we stayed with Uncle Gordon. We had really nice ackee & saltfish and callaloo for breakfast. We played in the pool. There was a little inlet of the sea near Uncle Gordon's apartment – we went into the water and the needlefish kept on spiking him!

After Ocho Rios, we moved on to Kingston for one night.

Kingston

In Kingston, we visited the National Heroes Park. We saw statues for Jamaica's 7 National Heroes – Nanny of the Maroons, Samuel Sharpe, Paul Bogle, George William Gordon, Marcus Garvey, Sir Alexander Bustamante, and Norman Washington Manley – these are individuals who played a significant role in Jamaica's history and journey to independence.

After this, we went to Devon House for their speciality patty and their ice cream, which is amazing!

Montego Bay

We took a coach – the Knutsford Bus – from Kingston to Montego Bay, where we stayed in a hotel for 3 nights. There was a lizard in our hotel room. It ran behind a painting & I don't think it came back out! In Montego Bay I tried starfruit (I liked it) and Lays crisps – I liked those too! We had jerk pork and roti from The Pork Pit – they were lovely together. We had a patty-picnic in a beachside park, and we played in the hotel pool.

Final Comment

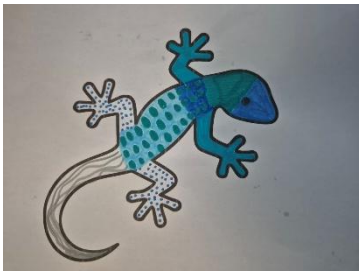
Overall, I loved Jamaica. I give it 10/10 and I want to go back – and maybe even live there!

Zekiah Campbell-Davis (13 years)

Questions:

- I wonder who you would consider is a national hero of the UK?
- It sounds as though Zekiah went on a bit of a road trip of Jamaica, if you went on a road trip in the UK where would you want to visit?
- I wonder why Zekiah would want to live in Jamaica?

Task: Lizards



The Lizards were mentioned twice so they obviously made an impression on Zekiah. I wonder if you could spend some time creating your own lizard? You could use any creative media however using packing kernels, cotton buds and wool and paint can make a bright and creative design.

Additional Questions:

- I wonder if you have a favourite creature and if so why it's your favourite?
- The beaches sound lovely and clean. That isn't the same for all beaches. What could you do to ensure the beach stays clean when you visit one?