This is the story of my journey!

The life of the banana.
What do already we know?
Where in the world are most bananas grown?

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What do bananas need to grow?

Group Activity:
Research using the computers/iPads

Websites to use:
• www.foe.co.uk/learning/news/food_for_thought.html
• www.foe.co.uk/campaigns/real_food/index.html
• http://www.bananalink.org.uk/how-bananas-are-grown
• http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/curriculum/seventh/lesson1/growing-bananas
What do bananas need to grow?

**Feedback:**
Children to share their research to the class.
What climate do bananas need to grow?

Costa Rica

Map position:
Northern hemisphere
(Central America)

Climate:
Tropical - hot and wet

Soil:
Moist with good drainage
Paired talk: where is the United Kingdom on the map?
Why don’t we grow bananas in the UK?

**United Kingdom**

**Map position:**
Northern hemisphere

**Climate:**
Cold and cloudy, wet, some sun (unpredictable)

**Soil:**
Clay - sticky/lumpy with poor drainage
Sandy - dry/hungry with good drainage
Watch Dole bananas video:

Growing and planting bananas

Dole
The journey of a banana

**Group Activity (10-15 mins):**

- On your table is 1 picture of the journey of a banana.
- Discuss: what is happening?
- Talk about what might have happened before and after. Draw pictures.
The journey of a banana

**Mini Plenary:**
Groups to feedback their ideas and pictures
Bananas growing on the tree
Freshly cut bananas.
Labelling the bananas.
Sorting bananas at the warehouse.
Loading bananas onto a ship.
Fair Trade bananas on sale in a supermarket.
The journey of a banana

Individual Activity:
Cut, stick and order the pictures of the journey of a banana.

★ Challenge:
Write at least one sentence about the journey of a banana.
The journey of a banana
Plenary:

• In groups of 4-6, discuss one of these questions.

1. How is food transported from other countries?

2. How does it stay fresh if it travels so far?

3. Why is it better to get locally-produced food?

4. What local food can you think of?

5. What will happen to our farmers if we keep buying food from other countries?

• Groups to feedback to class.
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