

Let Us Learn Our Language

Aprendamos Nuestra Lengua



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First Grade

Primer Grado

Pueblo Nativo de las Islas de la Bahía

Colección Cipotes de Nuestros Pueblos, No. 1

Anancy Spider and Brother Tiger



One day, Anancy Spider was up a mammee tree. She was eating a delicious fruit.

After a while, Brother Tiger arrived: "Good morning Anancy Spider! What are you eating?"

Anancy Spider answered: "Good morning, Brother Tiger! I am eating some delicious mammees."

Brother Tiger had threatened to eat Anancy Spider, because of the many tricks she had played on him.

"Today I am going to eat you Anancy Spider", said Brother Tiger.

"Brother Tiger, before you eat me, I want you to taste a ripe mamme", said Anancy Spider.

Anancy Spider threw a delicious ripe mamme to Brother Tiger. He licked his whiskers, when he finished eating the sweet fruit.

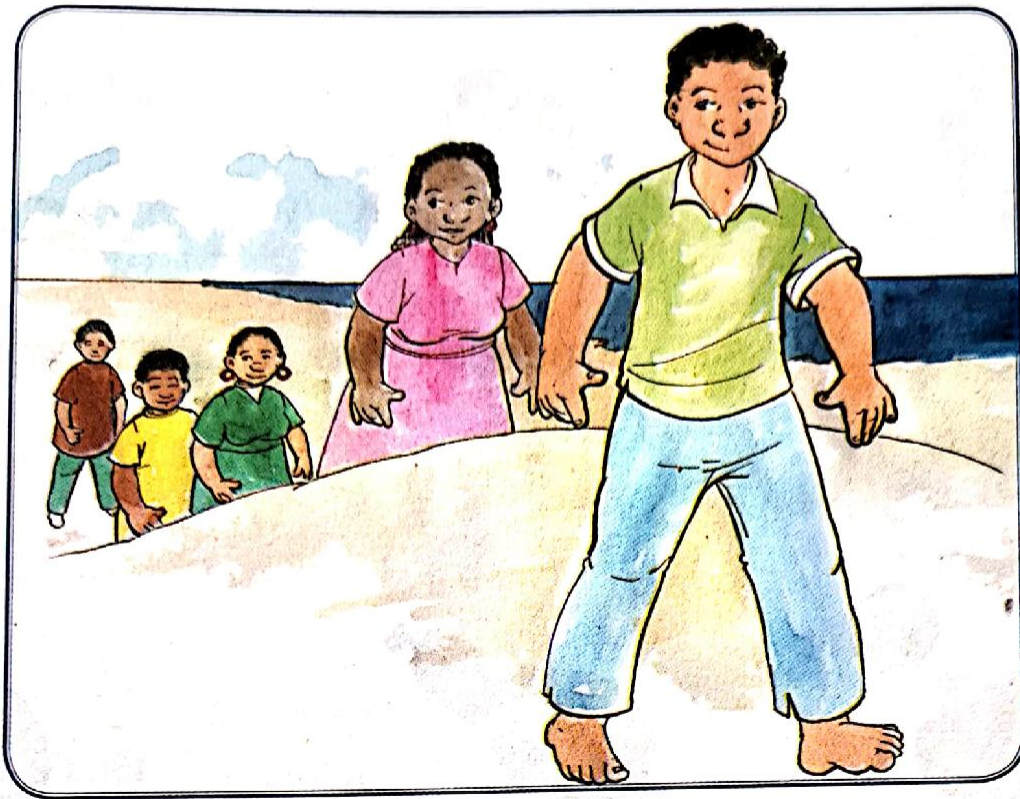
"Brother Tiger, I will throw you another one, but you have to open your mouth, wide".

Anancy Spider picked the largest green mamme on the tree and she threw it to Brother Tiger. Brother Tiger's teeth fell out as he laid on the ground.

"I'm going to get you one day, Anancy Spider" said Brother Tiger. "Not today, Brother Tiger", as she swung away to her web.



Our people



Our people came from Africa to Cayman, Jamaica, Barbados and Belize, later they left from there.

When they reached here, they found a lot of food.

They ate fish, turtles, and lobsters from the sea.

They caught iguanas, rabbits, deers and wild pigs in the bush.
At night time they danced and sang.

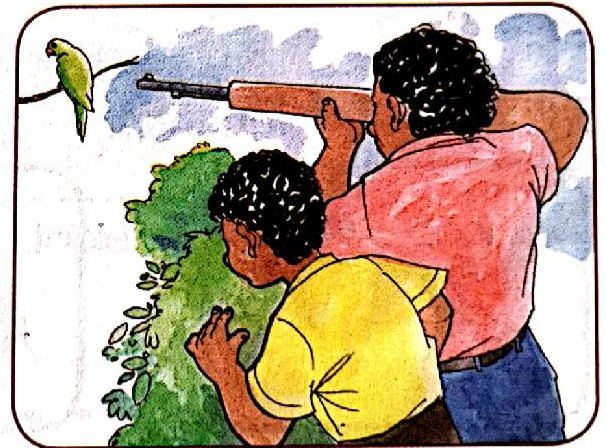
They danced around the may pole. They danced and sang while they played the plat pole. They had a lot of fun.

Plants and animals

Grandpa took me on a fishing trip in his dory. On the way out he told me about the reef, sea grass and mangrove. On the way in he told me about the bush and the animals that live there. I like to fish with my grandpa he is a wise old man. He also told me to care and protect the plants and animals that live on and around our Island.



The jobs of our people



I learn to care for myself from my elders. We learn to plant, fish and hunt animals from our elders.

We have also learned to share with others; we share food, work and good and bad times.

May Pole dance

We dance around the may pole.

We sing and clap with might.

We rob the prizes from the tree.

We play all through the night.

Tonight the moon is shining bright.

It almost seems like day.

We thank the Lord for all the crops,

praise God today is may.



When I grow up I would like to be

When I grow up
I would like to be
a sailor of the ocean
a captain of the sea



I will be a pilot
I will fly a plane
I will travel far away
Then I'll fly again



When I am a doctor
I will try to cure
All the little children
Will walk out through this door



I will work on my computer machine
Then I can send a letter to a girl in Main
I will buy a few articles in Paris and Spain
My computer is a wonder machine

My neighborhood



My neighborhood is pretty.

We have a lot of clean water.

There are a lot of fruit trees.

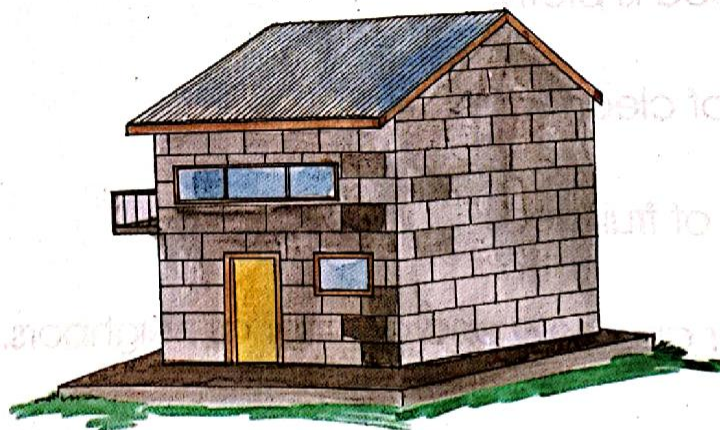
We live together and help one another as neighbors.

Our houses

Many years ago the frames of our houses were built with sum wood and Iron dog wood. The sides of the houses were built with wild-cane and coconut boy. The floors were made from board of sam wood many houses were built on the ground and the floor was sand or gravel.



Today most houses are made from pine lumber, tex 11, and marine ply. Many people build houses with concrete blocks.



Helping each other

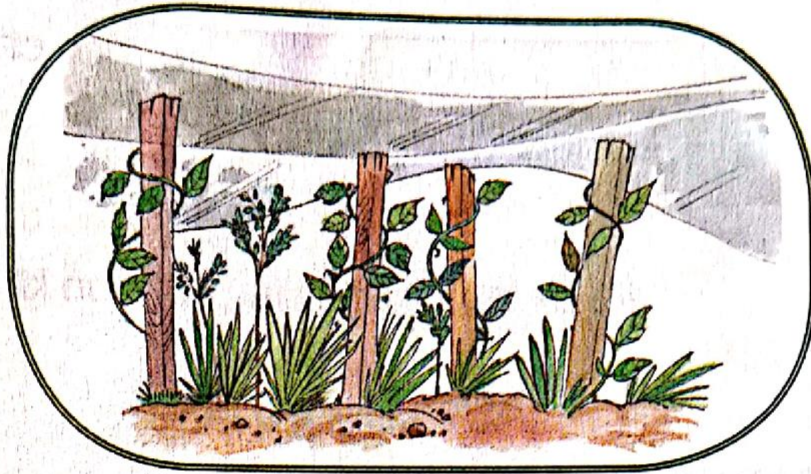


Many years ago when a neighbor or family member was building a house, the people from that village would help.

The men and boys would get the leaves for the roof, other would cut the post and sticks for the frame. The women and girls would cook the food and take the water to the boys and men. The communities were more united.

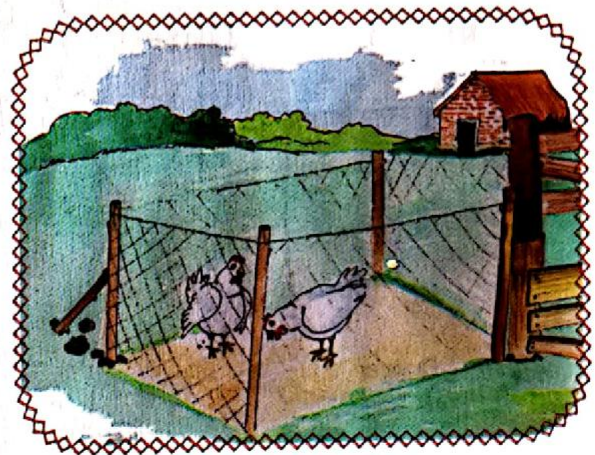
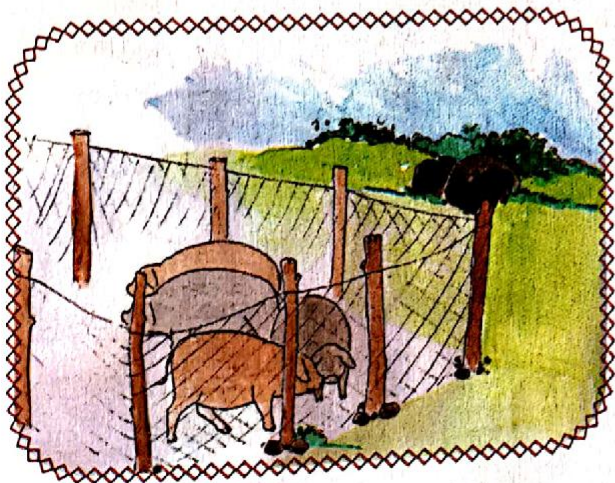
Our garden

My mother has a garden. In the garden she has many vegetables and fruits. We get papaw, limes, sweet, and hot peppers, string beans, white beans, sweet potatoes, tea and soup basil, fever grass, and sage tea.



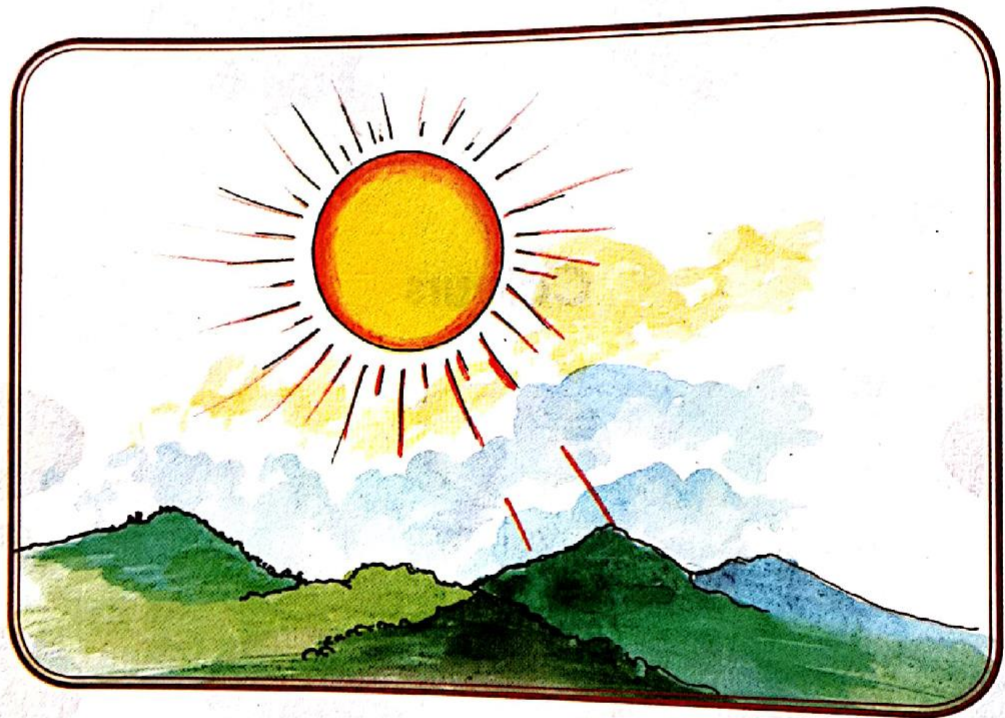
Our farm

Our pig pin and chicken coup. We have many chicken and pigs from the chicken we get eggs and meat. From the pigs we get meat and lard. I like boiled eggs and fried pork.



The sun

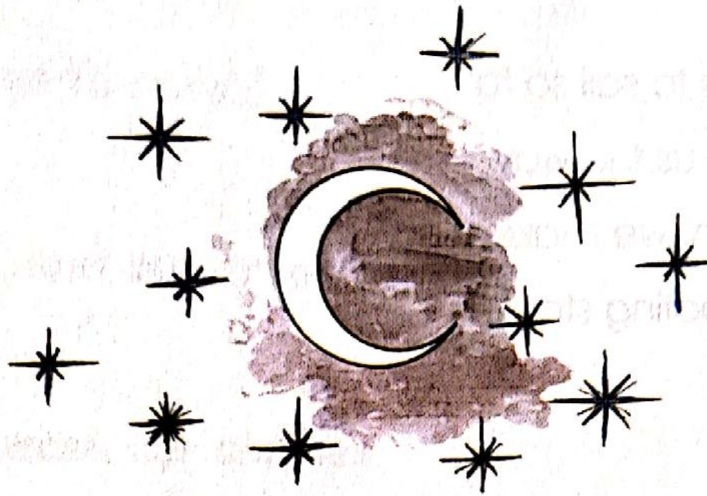
The sun is very good to us.
It gives us heat.
It helps the plants and animals to grow.
It gives us light.
The sun tells us when to wake up.
It tells us when to go to sleep.
The sun also helps us to tell the time.



Life depends on light and heat from the sun.

What would we do without the sun?

The moon



The moon tells us when to hunt and fish.

When the moon is full we cut trees for lumber. If we plant a tree on full moon, the tree will grow short and fat. If we plant a tree on young moon the tree will grow tall and slim. The moon gives us light in the night.

Changes of the moon



young moon



first quarter



full moon



last quarter

We believe:

That if we plant tree on a full moon it will grow short and thick.

The Stars

We use the stars to sail so far.
Their light shows us the way.
We hunt and fish, we make a
wish upon a shooting star.



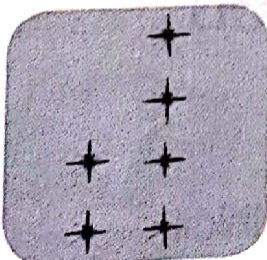
The north star helps us to navigate.



The morning star helps us to know when to fish and hunt.



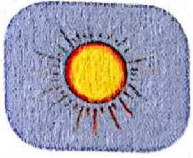
The evening star helps us to know when to hunt and fish.



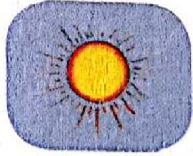
The dipper tells us when it is winter and summer.

Day and night

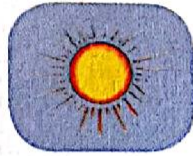
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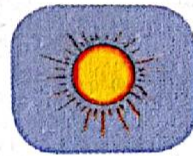
We go to school.



We plant our crops.



We wash our clothes.



We cook our food.



At night



We watch the moon and stars.



We listen to stories of our grandmothers and grandfathers.



We fish for red snappers.



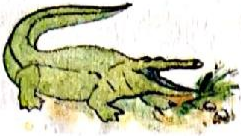



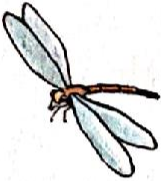

We hunt for deer.






We go to sleep.



The swamp

The  lives in the swamps. Many long legs 
live there. All class of  and ducks of many colours
live there. Many kinds of swamp  also live there.
The  lives there too. We have many  in our
swamps.

The Mangrove

Many  live in the mangrove. The mangrove are also
home to the  Many kinds of  live in the mangrove.
Many sea animals that live on the reef hatch in the mangrove.

Let's protect and conserve our wetlands.