

What is a
"mother
language"?

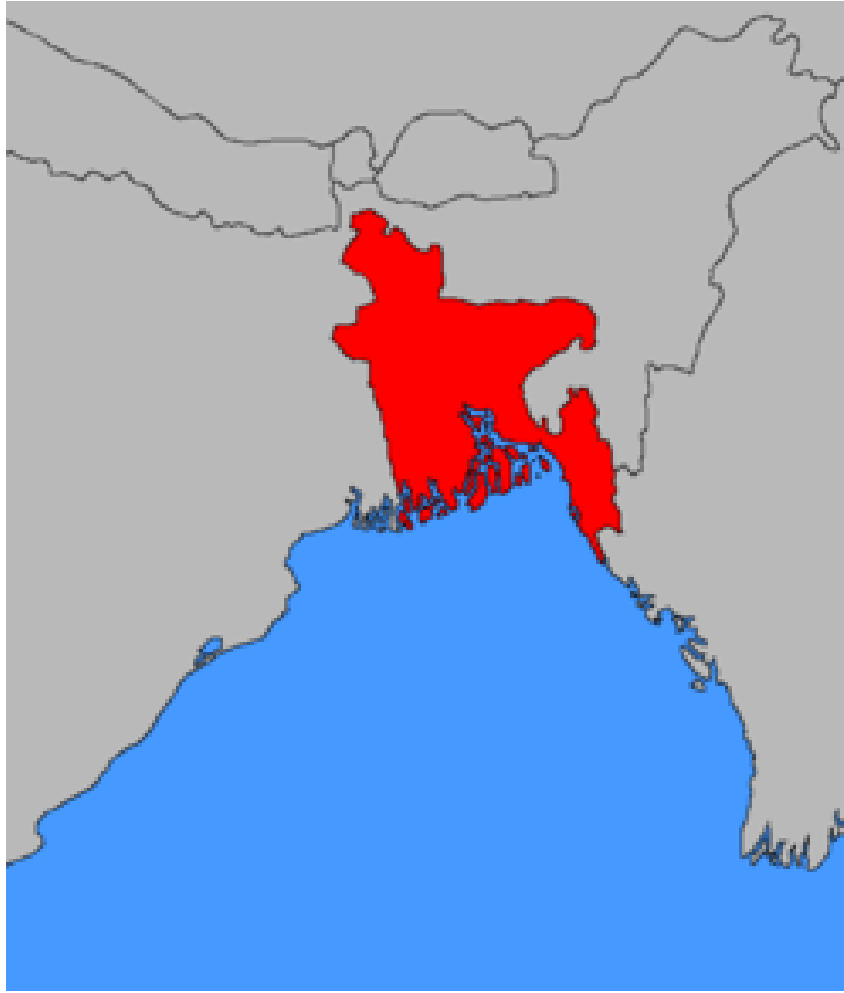
A mother language is the language that you have been speaking since you were little.



**What is
International
Mother Language
Day all about?**



In 1952, in East Bengal, four students were killed because they wanted to speak in their mother language- Bengali.



After this incident, International Mother language day has been observed on February 21st throughout the world. This is done by celebrating the different languages people speak.



Did you know.....

This year, at Montem, 41 different languages are spoken by our children?

We have many children who have **E**nglish as an **A**dditional **L**anguage (**EAL**). This often means that children have left their countries, homes, friends and families and come to England with little or no English.

These children then face the challenge of having to learn English as it is not their mother language.

We speak.....

Albanian Arabic Bengali Czech
Dutch English French German
Gujrati Hindi Italian
Konkani Lithuanian Nepali Pashto
Panjabi Polish Portuguese Persian
Farsi Dari Romanian Russian Shona
Somali Swahili Tamil Telugu
Tagalog Thai Umbundu Urdu

**Listen to some of our
different languages
come alive!**



All of our children have said the same thing, they've just said it slightly differently.

At Montem we are all proud of the ways in which we are unique, but we are equally proud of all the ways in which we are the same.



Please bow your heads for a prayer

Gracias por la bendición de todas esas lenguas y culturas diferentes en nuestra escuela. Ayúdanos a utilizar estas diferencias en la mejor manera posible para hacer este mundo un lugar mejor.

Amén.

Thank you for blessing us with all the different languages and cultures in our school. Help us to use these differences in the best way to make the world a better place.

Amen