

South African Art

The students at Anglia Way were given the opportunity to make snap bangles following the influence of traditional South African designs.



They came up with some beautiful designs using posca paint pens and sharpies!



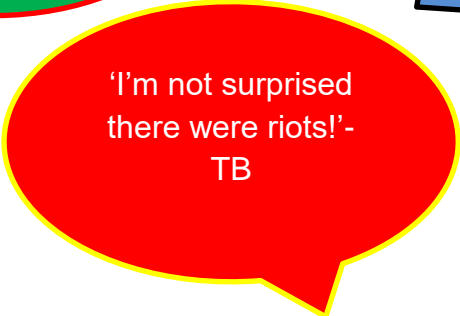
On Wednesday, 30th June the students at Anglia Way enjoyed a Cultural Day focusing on South Africa.

We are lucky enough to have two staff members on our site who have personal connections to South Africa with Bruno from Johannesburg and Melody who is from Zimbabwe. This allowed other staff members and students a special insight into real stories from South Africa and made the day feel particularly special.



The range of topics covered throughout the day included South African history, art, real stories and a good game of Cricket to finish it all off!

Quotes:



Stories from South Africa

Our stories from South Africa came from Bruno and Melody with all of their first-hand experiences and knowledge.

The students were informed about the crime rates and prison life within South Africa which some of them found quite shocking! They also discussed the influence of Nelson Mandela.

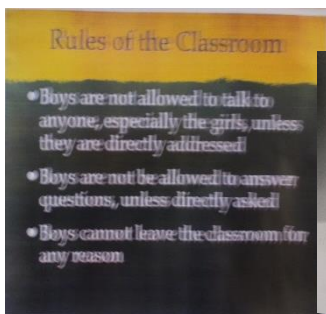
Amongst many topics they discussed the social scene within South Africa and how people within the culture balance their working lives with social time.



South African History

All students attended sessions on the history of South Africa. The topics covered during the session included early tribes, Dutch settlers, British rule, Boer Wars, apartheid, and Nelson Mandela.

The students engaged really well in conversations about race and the diversity within South Africa. They were all set a list of rules before entering the classroom so they understood how it felt to live in a restricted society where not everyone is treated fairly.



Cricket!

The children went out to do P.E. before lunch and took part in playing a game of Cricket altogether.



All students worked incredibly hard and put lots of effort in to their games, even though it was raining A LOT!

South African Food



Sam cooked a beautiful South African lunch for us all which consisted of a delicious vegetable curry and mince meat curry with rice.

She also treated us to a yummy South African honey drizzle cake at the end of the day.



Ubuntu

The children have been learning about the South African Philosophy of Ubuntu, which is the belief that all things are linked. It translates to “I am because we are.” The children engaged really well in the session and have been able to show their understanding that by doing good things, being kind and helpful to others, then positivity will return to them. They have created some fantastic pieces of work to show this concept.



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South African Cultural Day- Sessions House



Today all the children’s learning was based around the culture of South Africa. They learnt all about its history, cities, animals, art and philosophy; as well as looking at some of the foods that are eaten in South Africa.

History of Apartheid



In this session the children briefly looked at how Africa was colonised by European countries in the 19th century and then how they were slowly given independence during the 20th century. We then looked at how when South Africa gained independence its leaders, who were white in a country of mainly black people, brought in awful, draconian laws – this was known as apartheid. After that we looked at the rise of the ANC, and Nelson Mandela, to see how over 50 years changes finally came about. Eventually in 1994 the first democratic elections were held. We finished by thinking about how there is still much inequality in the world and what we can do about it.

Quotes:

If you are kind to people, it makes you feel good - Ubuntu

That just doesn't seem fair! Some people were not nice – History

Wow! They are like geometric patterns we have been learning – Art

South African food

During the South African Cuisine session we looked at how the country's food choices have been influenced by many different cultures from around the world. The pupils looked at traditions for occasions such as weddings and funerals and how food is a huge part of the celebrations. We then looked at what could be considered the 'top 10' foods of South Africa. Using what they had found out, pupils then created a menu for a day of traditional South African food, and some even tried Biltong – a dried meat snack!



South African living

In this session, the children enjoyed looking at the location of South Africa within a map, using an atlas to identify the size of the country compared to the UK. We also looked at some of South Africa's capital cities and their landmarks and looking at some of the important people are within the country (athletes, sports teams, etc). The children also looked at the Big 5 animals within the countries; lions, buffalo's, giraffes, zebras and elephants. South Africa is often described as a 'Rainbow Nation' due to its immense diversity in races, influences and cultures.

We also looked at some South African artefacts.



South African art and jewellery

In our art lesson this morning the children were learning about the South African jewellery and how the people of South Africa use the jewellery to enhance beauty. We learnt that wealthier you were, the more jewellery you would wear. Within the culture, each tribe have their own patterns as well as using geometric patterns such as zig zags and spirals. South African jewellery often also use bold colours.

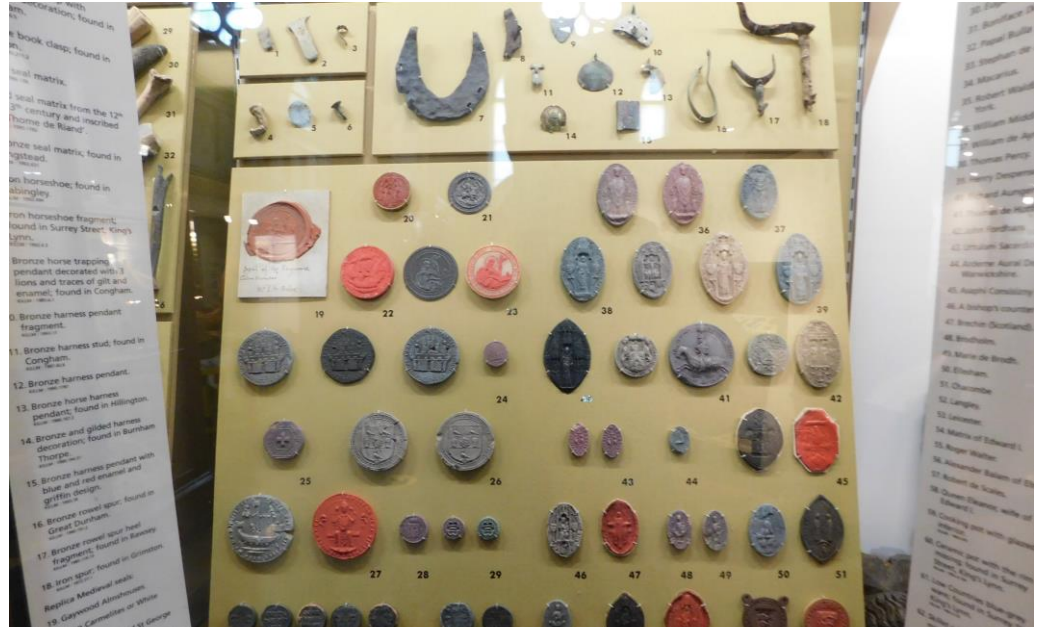
The children used their new knowledge to create their own South African bracelets.



Outcomes:

- South African influence on British history
- Historical knowledge.
- Photography skills.
- Awe and wonder.
- Tasting new foods.

South Africa Cultural Day- A trip to King's Lynn Museum



We went to Kings Lynn museum. We looked at the different artefacts that they had on display, which one pupil did not believe were even real! We looked for any information about the influence South Africa has had on British history and we found out a few new things. We learnt about the story of King Lobengula and his relationship with the white settlers and the search for gold. One pupil found a real interest in the taxidermy in the museum.

After the museum we looked around the town and came across a taxidermy shop! We were able to go in, which we really enjoyed. After that, we went and bought some biltong beef that we learnt was a popular South African food- which one pupil LOVED! We then completed a quiz with a South African theme, before returning to school for a South African curry dinner!

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Quotes:

These things can't be real!

Why would you stuff animals?

Do you think these are worth a lot of money?

