

To link to our Geography topic of 'Africa' we did some African Art work.

During this unit of learning we looked at a famous artist called John Ndambo. We used bold colours and pastels to recreate some of his art work.

We then looked at how important patterns are in Africa – we learned that patterns are inspired by animals and the environment as well as symbols which give meaning, often of hope to the people of Africa. Patterns are used in clothing, rugs and jewellery. To begin with, we looked closely at the patterns in animals and zoomed in to create an up close viewing of the pattern on the animals skin. We transferred this skill to create an image of an African animal. When it snowed heavily, we used the opportunity to create an African animal sculpture on the hill, for this we took inspiration from the white horse on the hill in Yorkshire.

We then used bright, bold colours to create our own patterns and used them to create an African necklace.

