

Adinkra printing workshop on the 26th of September:

Anna Katama, from <https://africaexperienceuk.com> took us on a journey through the African continent to show us a rich variety of quality fabrics from its different countries.

We focused on “talking Fabrics” and Adinkra print symbols.



For some children it was a joy to recognise elements of their culture, and they were able to participate and enlighten the rest of us.



“The end of War”



“Story Telling”

For other young people it was the opportunity to explore symbols and express their inner feelings through creating their own symbols for their own Adinkra printing.

The very young decided to copy symbols they liked and created their own blocks, naming the shapes and developing their fine motor skills. They were also able to remember that the fabrics “talked with their patterns”.



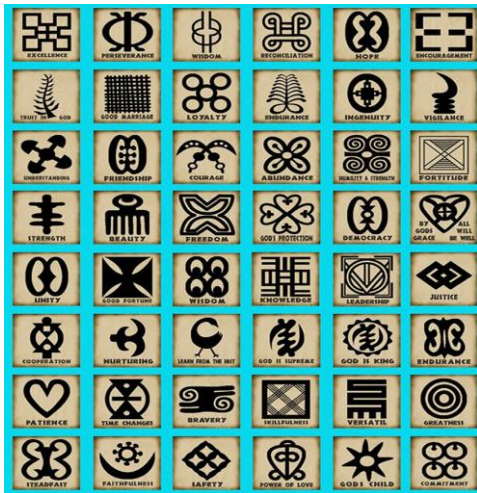
As well as being educational the workshop was also therapeutic and relaxing. It was a forum for our teenagers to talk to others about quite deep subjects, close to their hearts, and thus we saw an important part of Spiritual Moral Social and Cultural developing during the session.



N, 8 years old, created her own block, she chose the initial of her name and a bunny rabbit to represent happiness.



Using what we learned about Adinkra print Dele led a secondary cross curricular session, which linked Art, Mathematics and Children's rights.



The children looked at the Adinkra Symbols and after discussing children's rights, they each chose one that they felt represented something that children are entitled to.



They created their block and looked at the lines of symmetry and the rotational order which they recorded.

After they all got together to produce this blanket



Encouragement

Creativity

Perseverance

Harmony



Unity in diversity

Loyalty

Safety

Justice