

Year 5 Blog – Week Commencing 24.04.2023: Amazing African Workshop

Reading

Year 5 started a new topic book 'Journey to Jo'burg' pupils were initially asked to look at the front and back cover to predict what they thought the book might be about. We then started to read the first chapters. Pupils have been genuinely intrigued and shocked to find out what life in South Africa was like during apartheid.

Writing

This we have asked pupils to start to plan their own version of Journey to Jo'burg. Pupils were asked to consider how the characters may have felt given the difficult situation they are in and try and relate their own thoughts and feelings to them.

African workshop

On Tuesday all pupils had an opportunity to design their own version of an African tribal mask, they learnt how different colours o masks significant different things (green- earth, red-life, gold-fortune, white- spirituality). In the afternoon they were taught a traditional Zulu dance which they were able to re-enact.

Hamlet

On Thursday pupils had an opportunity to deep dive into the world of William Shakespeare. We learnt the tragic story of Hamlet. Pupils where then asked to rewrite their favourite scene from the play and act it out.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed this session, they found it extremely insightful.