

Art Week 5	Africa	
Starter	This week we are going to explore Africa in our art lessons. You can begin by watching the power point about Ndebele art which originated in South Africa on the website.	
Parent	This week the children can choose between 2 activities that are linked to Africa. The first one is making an African house with paper and the second one (which requires more adult support) is using potato printing to create a pattern of footprints. You can choose either one or complete both over the next two weeks as there will not be an art activity during week 6 because we are thinking about music instead.	
Activities with your child	Activity A Using a rectangle shape of paper, perhaps half an A4 piece. Decorate it with colourful patterns inspired by the Ndebele art. Don't forget to draw a window shape and door if you wish. The door needs to be drawn with the bottom on the long side of the rectangle. Leave a small blank strip along the short edge of the rectangle. When the decoration is finished, curve the paper around to create a cylinder and glue it on the blank strip with both short edges fixed together. Then cut out a wide semi-circle to curl it around and form a cone shape to go on top of your house. Add some glue to fix it on to the curved wall.  	Activity B With the support of an adult, chop a large potato in half and draw a simple hoof shape on to the flat surface of one half (see resource sheet on the website). The adult needs to use a sharp knife to cut around the shape, leaving it in tact while the outer parts will need to be cut away to a depth of 5mm. As the picture demonstrates.  Repeat with the other half if you wish to create two different footprints. Press your potato into poster paint in a dish and explore the prints that you can make across the paper.
Parent	The children could use other craft kits such as beaded bracelets, creating a shield or headdress using the Ndebele patterns if they wish.	