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Dear Parents/Guardians,

African Workshop: Tuesday 20th March

As part of our Spring Term topic, we have organised an African workshop to enrich our learning. The workshop will include opportunities for children to participate in African drumming, singing and storytelling as well as African arts and craft with an aim to bring rich, authentic experiences to the children, as well as introduce positive views of Africa and challenge stereotypes. Children will have a chance to see traditional West African dress and talk and ask questions about life in Africa, giving them a deeper understanding of Ghanaian culture from an expert.

In their drumming session, children will play a Djembé. With its sonorous tonal qualities and hypnotising beat, children will learn about 'call and response' and will link this into their learning of African dance. Within the workshop an African dance teacher will take students through the chosen dance, explaining its meaning and significance along the way, linking well into our recent learning in PE.

As part of the arts and craft activity, children will be looking at the use of recycling to create art and we will be collecting 1 and 2 litre plastic milk bottles (with caps) and newspaper in the lead up to the workshop.

To cover the cost of the visit, we would ask that parents contribute £8.00 per child. This would be a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the visit. Although the contribution is voluntary, we do need to point out that it is probable that the visit could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. The preferred method of payment is online, and should be made by Tuesday, 6th March 2018. Please access your child's account on Scopay and click on the name of the visit.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Silva Carvalho

Mr Philpott

Year 4 Class teachers

