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Education Group's African Mask Making Workshop is simply unique.

As an alternative to African drumming during Black History Month and suitable at any time of year, the workshop involves every child decorating their own wooden African mask.

Each mask has been carefully sculpted from Albesia wood. Grown in community smallholdings, Albesia trees can grow to 70ft within four years of germination and are very sustainable.

As part of the workshop the children learn about African art and how most African masks are thought to portray the faces of spirits and gods.

“All children design, paint and keep their very own authentic wooden African mask”

Geometric patterns are then designed for the individual masks and they are decorated by the children.

The workshop can also be extended to include a second day where the children can use their individually painted masks to dance to our specially choreographed African Mask Dance. Children work together as a class to learn and perform this culturally elaborate and enriching dance.

Many schools are using these workshops for fundraising purposes by accepting a contribution from parents towards their child's African mask.

