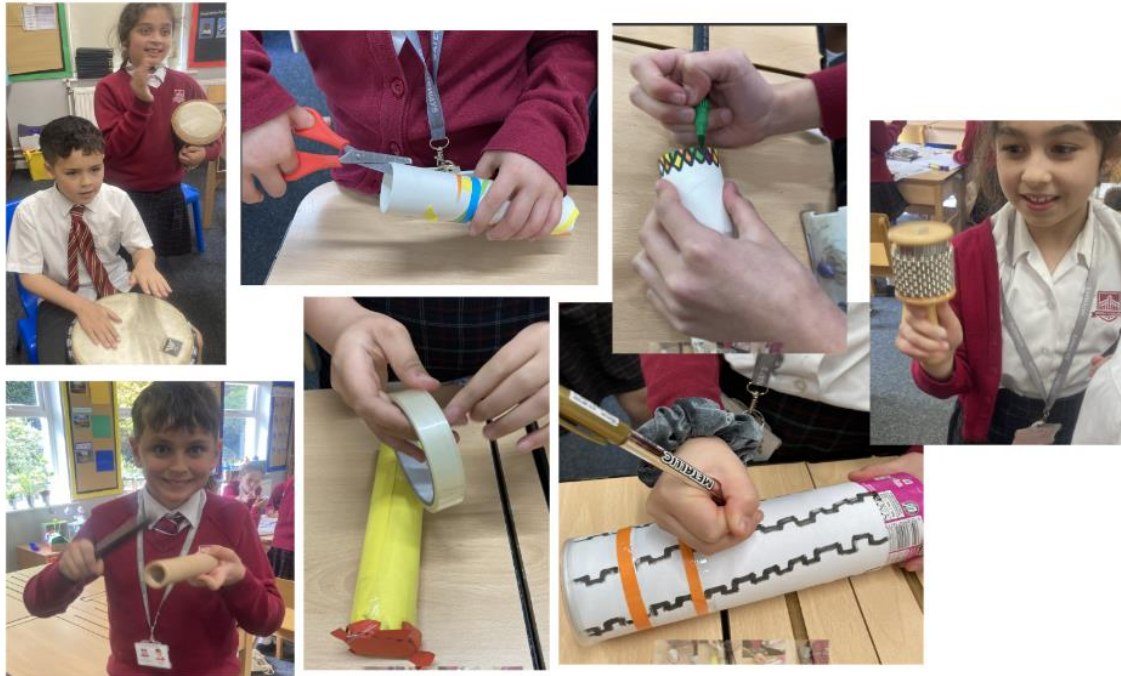


## Upper 2 design and technology – African rain sticks



Upper 2 have started to create their African rain sticks. First, pupils explored a range of African instruments, researched where certain instruments come from and why, what certain instruments are made from and why and the sounds different African instruments make. Pupils then moved on to looking at how a rain stick could be made, comparing different techniques and their benefits. Following this, pupils formulated a plan to create their own rain stick, outlining the possible problems they could face in their construction process and how they might use their problem-solving skills to overcome these obstacles.

The pupils then began to create their rain sticks using materials they had sourced or improvised with upcycling materials.

We will move on to creating the inner workings of the rain sticks and finalising our designs in the coming weeks so a rain stick may be making its way home soon – feel free to use it as a meditation tool, rain dance centrepiece or add it to the house band!

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