

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5

Autumn 2

Benin



Welcome to Autumn 2 in year 5! Our topic this term will continue with Ancient Benin. We will look at ancient methods of weaving, discuss the importance of the Benin artefacts and should museums return them back to their rightful owners.

To help us with this, we will be taking a trip to the Horniman museum to discuss this further with the curators.

Goldilocks words:

The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right!

Coral	empire
Continent	Dynasty
Sacrifice	Kingdom
Reign	Civilization
Ogiso	

Ideas for home learning:

- Create traditional African style repeating prints.
- Try traditional South African / Benin food.
- Share traditional African food with the class if you have African heritage in your family
- Read traditional South African / Benin stories and tales. The link below shows some stories that you can go to the library to read <https://www.ks2history.com/benin-childrens-books>
- Collect new words relating to Ancient Benin the children can then share these in school!

Key messages:

P.E. Monday and Wednesday (wear P.E. kit to school on P.E. days)

Reading Record reminder—please try and read every night.

Coats—As the weather is getting colder, the children must come to school even if they travel in by car. Also a request to please LABEL ALL COATS, SCARVES and GLOVES as we cannot guarantee they get returned to their rightful owner once lost.

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English

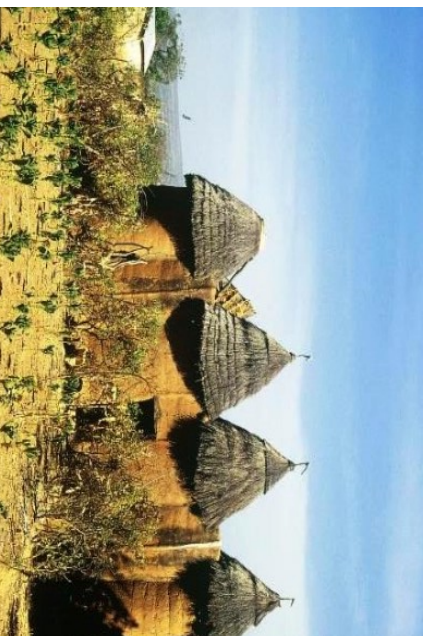
We will be reading a great book this term called High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson. We will be writing character descriptions using complex sentences and noun phrases.. Use inverted commas to create effect in a dialogue. The children will rewrite and report a major event from the text, using emotive language. Lastly we will research and explore South Africa to design a travel guide.

Physical Education

We will be working on our Netball skills this term and working on passing, shooting and playing games against each other.

RE

This term we will be looking at the concept of PEACE within the Christian faith and also looking at how Peace occurs in others religions too.



Science

This term in Science we will be studying life cycles of plants and animals. This will include studying the different ways in which plants reproduce, the life cycles of mammals before moving on to study amphibians and insects.

PSHE

This term our Jigsaw theme is Celebrating differences. We will be discussing racism, if money matters, rumours and name calling, different cultures and types of bullying.

Mathematics

Explore factors, multiples and prime numbers.
Identify square and cube numbers.
Multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.
Find and recognise equivalent fractions.
Compare and order fractions lower in value than 1.
Identify and convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Computing

We will be developing our coding skills to at first draw simple shapes, before moving on to investigate repeated commands and loops; leading to more advanced programming challenges (including debugging errors).

Topic

Discuss and create African style artefacts.
Explore key events in African history and how the kingdom of Benin was formed.
Explore what the people of Benin believed in.
Researching and exploring the Benin art and sculptures.
Explore the power of the kingdom of Benin and how and why the empire ended.