

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 5

## Autumn 2

## Benin



Welcome to Autumn 2 in year 5! Our topic this term is Benin. As part of this topic, we will be reading the book “Journey to Jo’burg” by Beverley Naidoo which follows two siblings and their journey to find their mother during the apartheid South Africa in the mid 1980’s. The children will be learning about rise of the Kingdom of Benin, and how it became one of the wealthiest Kingdoms in Africa at the time. They will be learning about the ruling family including: their traditions, their beliefs and how they transmitted knowledge and history through their spoken culture.

### 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!*

apartheid	Coral empire
Continent	Francophone
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
- Collect new words relating to Ancient Benin the children can then share these in school!

### Key messages:

P.E. 5TL **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 5MG: **Monday** and **Friday**

(wear P.E. kit to school on P.E. days)

**Bug Club & Reading Record** reminder—please try and read every night.

**TTRS** at least 3x per week

Please turn over to see the key skills the children will be learning in each subject area.

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## English

Studying Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo.

Writing character descriptions using complex sentences and noun phrases.

Use PEE to write opinions of main characters.

Focus on the use of inverted commas to create effect in a dialogue.

Rewrite and report a major event from the text, using emotive language.

## Physical Education

- Consolidate ball skills.

- Identify the key rules of football.

- Improve techniques for passing and receiving in football.

- Organise team tournaments across the year group.

## Reminders!

PE Y5MG – Monday and Friday

PE Y5TL – Tuesday and Thursday

Full PE Kit: White top, black bottoms and plimsolls/trainers.



## Science

Education charity, Climate ED, will be providing 5 workshops about the science of climate change.

carbon footprints

CO2 reduction

## RE & PSCH

- This term children will be exploring the topic, relationship, in PSCH.

- Children will explore what makes them unique.

- Explore and discuss effective ways to deal with uncomfortable feelings.

## Mathematics

Consolidate multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$  and make links to multiplication problems.

Explore factor, multiples and prime numbers.

Identify square and cube numbers.

Multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

Identifying features of 2-D shapes.

Finding perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes using formula.

Drawing and measuring 2-D shapes

## Computing

Develop coding skills.

Use scratch program to create simple coding program,

## 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.