

Year 6 Summer 1: Benin Kingdom

This term's driver topic is Benin Kingdom. We will be learning about Benin through looking at artefacts. We will also be discussing why the Victorians decided to take over.



Eweka (reigned 1200 AD – 1235 AD) was a monarch in the history of the Benin Kingdom, overseeing an era during the transition from the Ogiso Dynasty to the Obaship.

Ewuare was the Oba of the Benin empire when the Portuguese explorer Ruy de Sequeira arrived in 1472.



Significant Individuals

Main enquiry questions

- Why do you think we should study Benin in KS2 history?
- What sort of place was Benin 500 to 1,000 years ago?
- What can we tell about Benin society at this time from the images and artefacts that have survived?
- What changes took place when the European settlers started trading?
- Why did the Victorians get involved in Benin and what were the effects on the Benin people?
- Should the Benin Bronzes be returned?

Key Concepts

The following are the key concepts for this unit:

Recognise why people did things, recognise why some events happened, recognise what happened as a result of people's actions or events.

Recognise and make simple observations about which places and which people were important in an historical event/

English Texts

This term in English we will be studying the following texts: **The Children of Benin Kingdom** by Dinha Orji. We will be creating a non-chronological report. We will also be reading **The Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen. We will be writing a narrative.

Maths learning

This term in Maths we will be studying:

Shape

Position and Direction

Geographical	Science	PE	Music	RE	Computing	PSHE
Can you locate Benin on a map? How has Benin changed in the last 1,000 years?	Living things and their habitats.	Football	Theme and Variation	For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus?	Creating Media–3D Modelling	Safety and the changing body

Our Curriculum Elements for this half term.










Trips, activities and or visits this term:

Devon County Show

Exmoor Challenge walk for those taking part

Afternoon of celebration after SATs

<p>Learning Hook</p>		<p>We will be exploring Benin artefacts which we might have already seen before.</p>
<p>Fieldwork and living history.</p>		<p>Children will go on a hike through Newton Poppleford to explore the local area and to continue working on their maps skills.</p>
<p>Written outcome</p>		<p>Writing a non-chronological report and a narrative.</p>
<p>Creative Outcome</p>		<p>Children will be designing a 'mini-home' using a variety of materials.</p>
<p>Adventure</p>		<p>In Adventure Island, we will be doing tree and flower hunts, bug hunts, pond dipping and planting in the allotment.</p>
<p>Celebration</p>		<p>Children will display their 'mini homes' and be able to take them home at the end of the term.</p>
<p>Retrieval Practice</p>		<p>Each lesson to begin with questions/quiz from previous lesson to retrieve knowledge.</p>



Learning & growing together,
taking every opportunity.

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Curriculum Overview: Year 6 Summer 1

The Benin Kingdom

Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Equip	Government	Assistance	Lightning	Practice	I'll	Accompany
Equipment	Guarantee	Assistant	Marvellous	Practise	Affect	According
Equipped	Harass	Confidence	Mischievous	Prophecy	Aisle	Achieve
Especially	Hindrance	Confident	Muscle	Prophecy	Complement	Aggressive
Exaggerate	Identity	Decency	Necessary	Stationary	Compliment	amateur
Excellent	Immediate	Decent	Neighbour	Stationery	Descent	Ancient
Existence	Immediately	Expectant	Nuisance	Steal	Desert	Apparent
Explanation	Individual	Frequency	Occupy	Steel	Dessert	Appreciate
Familiar	Interfere	Frequent	Occur	Wary	Dissent	Attached
Foreign	Interrupt	Hesitancy	Opportunity	Weary	Draft	Available
Forty	Language	hesitant	Parliament	Who's	Draught	average
frequently	Leisure		persuade	whose	effect	

Suggested Texts to read at home with your children :

The Children of Benin Kingdom
Dinah Orji



The Final Year

Michelle Magorian



A fast-paced adventure, this story brings to life one of Africa's most fascinating civilizations, the ancient Edo Kingdom of Benin. This is an immersive adventure story and perfect for any child who enjoys being transported to another world. It fits well with the increasing interest in African fiction and stories that are inclusive, diverse and explore a greater

This is powerful and lyrical story, told in verse, about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it explores themes of family, identity, belonging, navigating friendships and the hardships of everyday life in a working class family in the North of England.