Mereside
Church of England Primary Academy
Learn to Love, Love to Learn

Year: 6

Subject: History

Title:

Kingdom of Benin

What key knowledge do I need to have before this unit?

- Locate the African continent on a map
- Understand North, East, South and West
- Understand what a civilisation is

Key outcomes:

What I need to know by the end of this unit of work:

1) To find out where the Kingdom of Benin was and about time period we will be exploring.
2) To explore how we know about The Kingdom of Benin from AD 900 to 1300.
3) To find out about the leaders of The Kingdom of Benin.
4) To find out about the lives of the people of the Kingdom of Benin.
5) To find out about the trade network of the Benin Empire.

Key knowledge:	Key Vocabulary and Definitions:
Benin is a country in West Africa. The modern country called Benin used to be called Dahomey. It was renamed Benin on November 30th 1975. The Benin Empire was an African empire that has been described as “one of the oldest and most highly developed states in the coastal hinterland of West Africa”. Between AD 900 and AD 1180 the people of Benin lived in small communities that together formed a kingdom.	Ogisos: A king of Benin (it means ‘King of the Sky’) Igodomigodo: The land of this early civilisation was known as Igodomigodo Yoruba: the language of Benin Era: a period of time beginning with some special date or event. Civilisation: a large group of people who share certain advanced ways of living and working. Territory: the land and waters that belong to a country. Colonise: this occurs when one country takes control of another country or region Dynasty: a succession of rulers who come from the same family Artefact: a man-made object, such as pieces of art or tools