

# Curriculum Overview

## Aldersbrook Primary School

Year 5

Spring Term

Modern West Africa and The  
ancient city of Benin



Big Question:

What makes a community?

This term we will be learning about...

History and Geography:

- Use atlases to locate, name and identify the physical features of Modern West Africa
- Read and understand line of longitude and latitude
- Compare and contrast a city in West Africa with London
- Investigate Fair Trade and human and physical effects on a place
- The origins of Benin
- The timeline of Kings and Queens of Benin
- Location, physical and human features of Benin
- The origins of the Benin Bronzes

RE:

Justice and poverty: Can religions help to build a fair world?  
What do different people believe about God?

PSHE:

Identity, society and equality and Keeping safe and managing risk

Other Information

We will also be going swimming and learning about water safety.

In Art we will be creating sculptures and prints using a variety of materials

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### English

In English we will be learning about:

- Impacts of grammar and punctuation on the reader
- Using different types of sentences to engage our readers
- Writing traditional stories
- Writing using a range of poetic styles
- Learning how to change poems to prose
- Using features of non-fiction texts

### Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be learning about:

- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Equivalent fractions, decimal and percentages
- Reasoning and problem solving skills

### Science

**Forces-**

Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, which act between moving surfaces

**Living things and their habitats-**

Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, amphibian, an insect and a bird  
Describe the life processes of reproduction in some plants and animals.

### Computing

**Handling Data** - We will be learning about flat-file data bases

**Programming** - Learning to use a microcontroller.

### Suggested Reading

African folk/ traditional tales

Non-Fiction, Books about Forces, Africa, Islam and Atlases

Other suggestions: Newspapers, Child friendly Blogs

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

#### Doing

- Practise times tables
- Reading a range of texts - Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry
- Practise answering comprehension questions

#### Watching

- Newsround
- African Folk Tales
- BBC Bitesize

#### Visiting Websites

- BBC Bitesize
- Spelling Frame and Maths Frame
- TTRS/ Timestables.co.uk

#### Experiencing

- Visit British Museum for Benin Bronzes
- Visit Science Museum for Forces
- Cook a healthy meal at home