

Year 5 Enrichment Home Learning.

Hi everyone! We are hoping you are all well and being very helpful and kind members of your household.

During the first part of the Summer Term, we would have been learning about the country of Benin in West Africa. So, here are some suggestions for you to try during the next few weeks. You could present them as an information booklet or as a newspaper, for example, remembering your sentence structures and punctuation, especially capital letters!

Geography;

Find out as much as you can about the country, its environment and its people.

Where is Benin? Can you locate it on a world map? Which countries surround Benin? Can you draw the national flag? What is the capital city of Benin and what is its official language? What is the environment like in Benin? How do people live in Benin? Can you compare their way of life to ours in Britain?

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benin>

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/fun-facts-about-benin.html>

<https://thefactfile.org/benin-facts>

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Benin>

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Benin>

History;

What was the original name of Benin? Can you find out what was happening there in the 17th century and why? What was the area known as then?

Which country did Benin belong to before its independence? When did Benin gain its independence?

Can you find out anything about Ancient Benin?

<https://africa.com/heres-what-you-need-to-know-about-benin>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/kingdom-benin>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpvckqt>

Science;

Can you find out about the animals that live in the country of Benin? Include plants and creepy crawlies too and the habitats that they live in. Perhaps you could create a Benin food chain, starting with a plant leading all the way up to the top predator of your food chain! You could try drawing the creatures and animals or make a chain. Be creative!

https://kids.kiddle.co/Food_chain

https://www.ducksters.com/science/ecosystems/food_chain_and_web.php

Some examples of being creative with a food chain!



Music:

Find out about music in Benin and the genres of music, which are popular in the country. Which instruments are played? Can you make one of the instruments from recycled materials? Can you follow the pulse and rhythm of African music?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_Benin

<https://www.musicinafrica.net/magazine/traditional-music-benin>

Traditional Yoruba Music from Benin (II) on You Tube

Angelique Kidjo performing Mama Africa on You Tube

Art:

The peoples of Africa are renowned for their masks for all types of celebrations. The website below has a huge amount of information about African masks and even lessons on how to design and draw one! If you really want to be creative, could you make a mask?

<https://www.artfactory.com/africanmasks>

We hope these ideas inspire you to create a brilliant Benin project. You could also read some African tales. They're available online at africa.mrdonn.org

Enjoy exploring West Africa!

Miss Gordon and Miss Fletcher.