



Year 5&6 Sirius Curriculum Map ~ Spring 1

The Kingdom of Benin



Every child should remember to:

- Make sure they read at home and read with an adult twice a week.
- Take ownership of their reading records and bring them every day. We will check these **every week**.
- Homework will be **given out daily** as of Spring 2024 to **Year 6 only**. The children will be provided with a Maths and SPAG Study Book and Answer book. They must complete their homework **EVERY**

DAY to be marked the following morning. Year 5 will have weekly homework.

Dates to Remember!

All dates may be subject to change.

Friday 9th February - school closes for half term holidays

Things to remember:

Keep up to date with what is happening in school through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/highbankschool> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/HighbankJIN6>
Growth Mindset - Year 5 and 6 will be using the idea of a 'Learning Pit'.

English

Our class text this half term is called Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji. Our work will include letters, persuasive writing and non chronological reports. We will practise our reading skills each day in our Whole Class Reading sessions. As we are now in the Spring term, Year 6 will have specific Reading Skills lessons to focus on the skills we need for our SATS tests.

Science Year 6

This term Year 6 will be exploring the topic Animals including Humans. We will be focusing on identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will look at the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the human body and describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Maths

We will complete our work on Position and Direction including translations and reflections. Our learning will then move to Decimal, Percentages and Measurement.
We will also practise our arithmetic daily,

History

Our topic this term is called The Kingdom of Benin. We will learn that The Kingdom of Benin was a wealthy kingdom that grew in western Africa from 900AD onwards in what is now modern day southern Nigeria. The Kingdom of Benin contrasted greatly to Britain and we will learn how it was ruled, what life was like and what evidence we still have of this complex civilization.

Science: Year 5

This half term Year 5 will also be focusing on the topic Animals including Humans. Our learning will include comparing the life cycles of plants.

Computing

Our focus this term will be on Blogging.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

Our learning will focus on belonging to a community, media literacy and digital resilience and learning to manage money.

Religious Education

We will be learning about forgiveness and ask the key question: 'Should we forgive others?'

British Values

All British values will be woven into our curriculum and through PSHE.