

## Topic Benin



## Holy Family Halewood Year 5 and 6 History



### What I will focus on in this topic:

To locate Benin civilisation in time and place and discover how the Kingdom of Benin was created.

To use sources to research the beliefs and culture of the people of Benin.

To find out about the significance of the arrival of the Eweka Dynasty.

Explain how the Kingdom of Benin became powerful and how the Empire came to an end.

To compare and contrast the Kingdom of Benin with British History during the same period.

### Vocabulary

<b>Trade</b>	Exchange of goods
<b>Oba</b>	The Yoruba word meaning 'King'
<b>Yoruba</b>	the name of the group of people who lived within the area of the holy city of Ife
<b>Ife</b>	The holy city nearby the Kingdom of Benin, ruled by the Yoruba people
<b>Edo</b>	The name of the group of people who lived within the ancient Kingdom of Benin
<b>Eweka</b>	The first Oba of the Kingdom of Benin. He came to power in AD 1180
<b>Benin City</b>	The ancient kingdom of Benin was situated in the South East Coast of West Africa, an area forming part of modern Nigeria. It used to be called Edo and Igodomigodo before that.
<b>Ogiso</b>	The Edo word meaning 'Kings of the Sky'
<b>Igodomigodo</b>	The first unified kingdom.
<b>Archaeology</b>	The study of the buildings, graves, tools and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past, in order to learn about their culture and society

### Important People

<b>Ogiso Igodo</b>	The first king or Ogiso of Benin
<b>Ogiso Owodo</b>	The last of the Igiso kings. He was exiled around 1130
<b>Oba Eweke</b>	The first of a new dynasty of kings called the Obas was crowned in 1180
<b>Oba Oguole</b>	built the Benin City Wall around 1283
<b>Oba Ewuare</b>	expanded the Kingdom greatly and set up the trading links with Portugal 1514
<b>Oba Ovanramwen</b>	the last king of Benin, exiled by British troops after their invasion in 1897

### Key Dates

Benin		England	
<b>900 AD</b> <b>900 - 1400</b>	Benin Kingdom first established when small villagers join together An enormous earthen moat is built around the Kingdom boundaries	<b>889 AD</b>	King Alfred Died Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in Britain (410-1066) Vikings invade Britain (793-1066)
<b>1180 AD</b>	The first dynasty of Ogiso kings ends and the Obas begin their rule.	<b>1154 - 1189</b>	Henry II (Plantagenet)
<b>1283</b>	Oba Oguole built the city of walls of Benin	<b>1272 - 1307</b>	Edward I (Plantagenet) known as the Hammer of the Scots
<b>1440</b>	Benin begins to expand and thrive under the rule of Oba Ewuare the Great.	<b>1421 - 61</b> <b>1470 - 71</b>	Henry VI (Lancaster) (Wars of the Roses)
<b>1504</b>	Oba Ewuare began to rule the kingdom	<b>1485 - 1509</b>	Henry VII (Tudors 1485 - 1600)
<b>1700</b>	Benin Kingdom enters a period of decline due to a series of civil wars	End of the Royal House of Stuart 1714 Royal House of Hanover 1714	
<b>1897</b>	Benin City is destroyed by British troops and Benin comes under Britain's control.	<b>1837 - 1901</b>	Queen Victoria