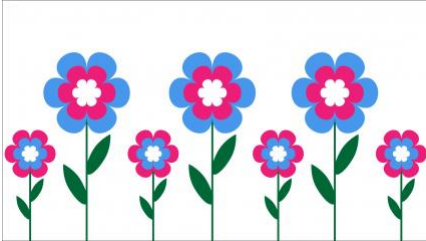


Learning in Year Five at West Earlham Junior



Spring Term

In the spring term, our learning is focused on the lives of people in the Kingdom of Benin, West Africa.

We will compare and contrast the lives of people in Benin under the Oba rule with the lives of English people under a Norman rule from 900 AD - 1300 AD.



History

In history we are learning about the ancient Kingdom of Benin.

We are learning:

- About a non-European society that provides contrasts with British History.
- About the Kingdom of Benin in West Africa.
- About how the ruler, called the Oba, led his kingdom and about the Edo people who served him.

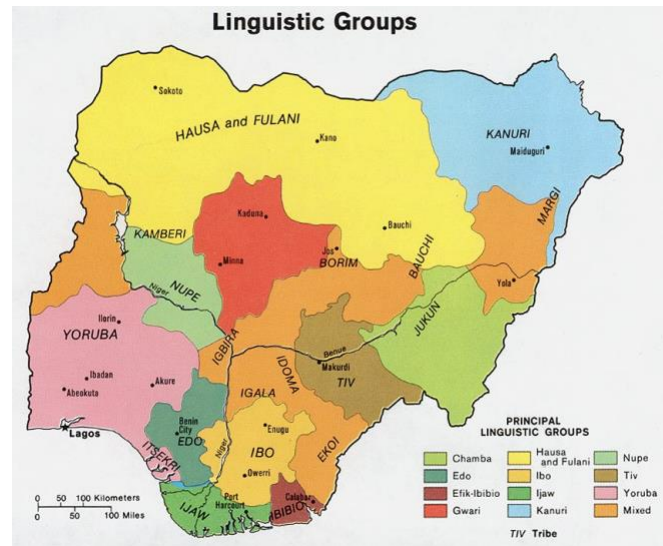
- To compare how England was ruled under the Normans and Benin under the rule of the Oba at the same time in history- in the middle ages (900 AD - 1300 AD).

The Kingdom of Benin, West Africa BBC Bitesize- What was life like in ancient Benin?



Where is the Kingdom of Benin?

When people refer to Benin Kingdom they do not mean the modern day country of Benin in West Africa. Instead, they are talking about an area of land that was known in the past as 'Benin Kingdom' but is now a part of modern day Nigeria.



Bino and Fino- Cartoon **The Mighty Walls of the Benin Kingdom**

Nigeria- Some information on modern day
Nigeria - The Giant of Africa.



The Art of the Kingdom of Benin

What can we learn from the art of Benin? BBC
Bitesize.



The British Museum- **The Art of Benin**



Geography

We are learning about the location and environment of West Africa:



We are learning;

- To locate West Africa and Nigeria on a globe
- What the environment is like in West Africa
- What a Climate Zone is
- Where the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are in relation to the equator.

Where is West Africa?

Here is the United Nations [map of West Africa](#).

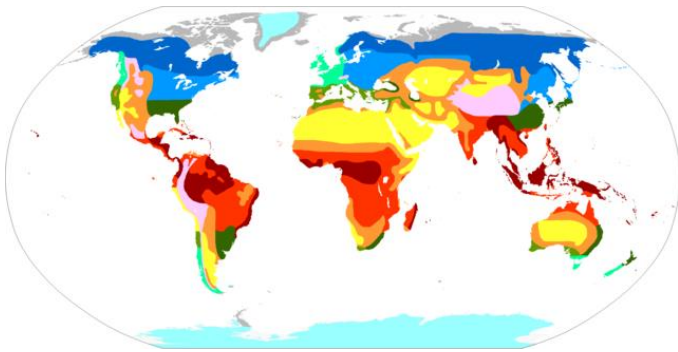
West Africa is a region in the continent of Africa. Here is a song to learn the names of the continents. [Continents Song!](#)

Climate Zones

[What is the difference between climate and weather?](#) Short BBC [Explain This](#) video introducing different climate zones.



[What are the different types of Climate?](#)



Climate Zones- the different Climate Zones of the Earth and the different plants that grow in different places.



Science

In science we have two areas of study. We are learning all about properties of materials and plant life cycles.

We are learning to:

- Group everyday materials through their properties and their response to magnets.

- Know that some materials will dissolve.
- Separate mixtures through filtering, sieving and evaporating.
- Understand that changes of state are reversible, whereas some changes are irreversible.

Materials

Here are lots of short videos, quizzes and games from the BBC about **Materials**.

They are a great place to find out about our science topic!

How to Identify Materials

What materials are magnetic?



What is dissolving?



What is separation?

What are freezing and melting?

What are the states of matter?

What are irreversible changes?

Have a look at these experiments you can do at home:

[Separating Mixtures Home Experiment](#)

[Floating Garden Challenge](#)



Living things and their habitats

We are learning to:

- Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants.

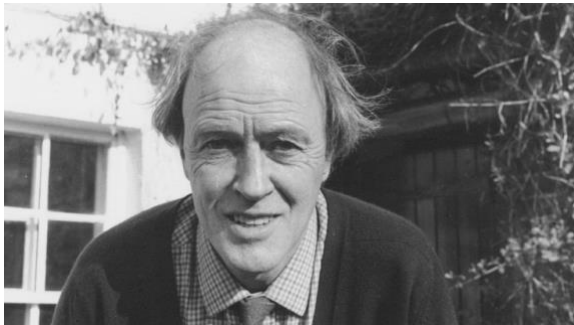
Have a look at the [Floating Garden Challenge!](#)

[Life Cycles](#) BBC Bitesize clip about the life cycle of plants



Reading

We have two class authors this term:



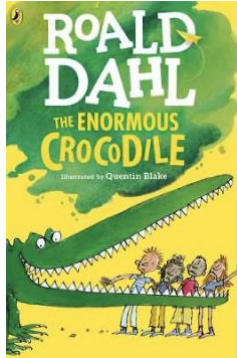
Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl was a spy, an ace fighter pilot, a chocolate historian and a medical inventor. He was also the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, The BFG, and a

treasury of original, evergreen, and beloved children's books. He remains for many the world's No. 1 storyteller.

Revolting Rhymes- [The Three Little Pigs](#)

Roald Dahl poem- [Television](#)



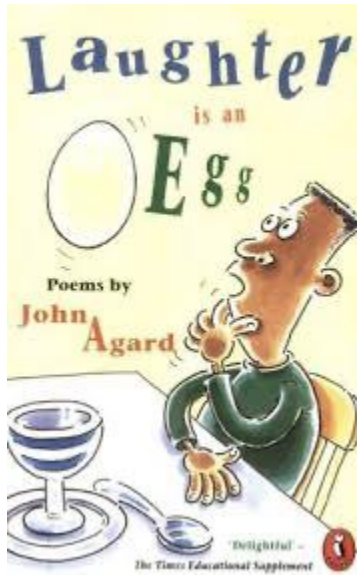
The Enormous Crocodile!



John Agard

Playwright, poet, short story and children's writer John Agard was born on 21 June 1949 in British Guiana (now Guyana).

He worked for the *Guyana Sunday Chronicle* newspaper as sub-editor and feature writer before moving to England in 1977, where he became a touring lecturer for the Commonwealth Institute, travelling to schools throughout the UK to promote a better understanding of Caribbean culture. In 1993 he was appointed Writer in Residence at the Southbank Centre, London, and became Poet in Residence at the BBC in London, an appointment created as part of a scheme run by the Poetry Society.



[Poetry Jump Up](#) Video of John Agard performing his poetry.

[Checking out Me History](#) Written and performed by John Agard.

John Agard performing [Laughter is an Egg](#)

Spelling

This term we are learning year 5 Spelling rules

You can find the lists and resources on Purple Mash.

They are in: Purple Mash/English/SPAG/Spelling Resources

Here is a link! [Purple Mash](#)



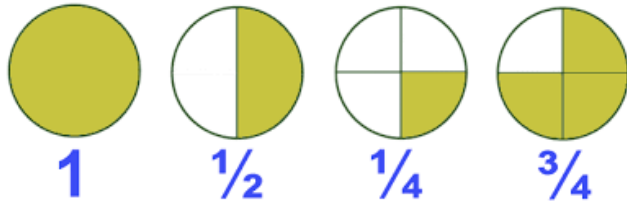
Maths

Times Tables: In year 5 children should know all their times tables to 12 and the division facts. We use **SUMDOG** once a week in class to help recall times tables. You can access SumDog at home and practice your times tables knowledge. **SUMDOG**

Hit the Button: Great for rapid recall.

Multiplication and Division:

We are practising using the formal written methods of multiplication and division with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency. [Grid method progression Division](#)



Fractions, decimals and percentages:

Have a look at the BBC bitesize maths lessons. There are loads of topics to help you practise different skills.

[Fractions BBC Bitesize lessons.](#)

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