

Oba rule in the ancient Kingdom of Benin. How can one person make a big difference?

Throughout Year Five the overall Inquiry Question is: How can one person make a big difference? In the spring term the children learn about Oba rule in Ancient Nigeria and the effect this had on the people living in the Kingdom of Benin. They will consider how the kingdom was run and how the people served and believed in their ruler. The focus school values of **respect, creativity and trust** are explored through the inquiry.

Overarching Theme	How can one person make a big difference?
Inquiry Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is there such a thing as a good ruler? ● Are all societies run by monarchs the same regardless of location? ● Can it ever be fair for others to make decisions for you?
Spring Term	<p>The Rule of the Oba in Ancient Benin is the focus of the study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking at the system of rule in ancient Benin and comparing it in style to the rule in other past societies such as Norman and Viking society, ● Understanding what decisions different villages in the kingdom were allowed to make. Thinking about the difference between democratic leadership and a monarchy. ● Learning how land, food and resources were distributed to create a working system with people taking on different roles in society. ● Comparing the climate and land use of Britain and Nigeria and understanding how this can influence the way of life in these regions.