



Knowledge Organiser

Year 6 Autumn Term

Out of Africa

Key vocabulary

History: kingdom, modern, empire, archaeological, trade, civil war

Geography: region, republic, economy, biome, biodiverse

Big Idea: Migration and exploration

Big Question: If you could travel back in time, would you like to explore the Benin kingdom?

Historical Knowledge (Autumn 1)

- Find out where the kingdom of Benin was and about the time period.
- Explore how we know about the kingdom of Benin from AD 900 to 1300.
- Find out about the leaders of the kingdom of Benin.
- Find out about the lives of people of the kingdom of Benin.
- Find out about the trade network of the kingdom of Benin.
- Find out about the Benin empire's golden age.
- Find out about the decline of the Benin empire.

Geographical Knowledge (Autumn 2)

- Identify African countries and locate them on a map.
- Find out about Western Africa and the country of Nigeria.
- Explore Northern Africa and Morocco.
- Explore Central Africa and the Central African republic.
- Explore Eastern Africa and Tanzania.
- Explore Southern Africa and South Africa.

Art Knowledge

- To analyse and recreate a painting in the style of Tingatinga.
- To create a piece of clay artwork inspired by the artwork of Benin.
- Artist study. To learn about the work of Esther Mahlangu and Ndebele designs.



Glossary

Vocabulary	Meaning
kingdom	A country or state ruled by a king or queen.
modern	Relating to the present.
empire	An extensive group of states governed by a single ruler.
archaeological	The scientific study of remains of a culture or people.
trade	The act of buying and selling goods.
Civil war	A war between citizens of the same country.
region	An area with definable characteristics but without fixed boundaries.
republic	A state with an elected president rather than a monarch.
economy	The state of a country or region in terms of goods they produce and consume.
biome	An area classified by the species that live there.
biodiverse	The variety of life. When biodiversity is high, it means there are any different types of organisms and species.
Medium	The materials and techniques used to create a work of art.

