

History AD900

The Big Idea

What holds an empire together? Perhaps it is faith – a belief in a single god or many different gods. Perhaps it is dependency – a need to work together and to help one another. Or perhaps it is leadership – strong individuals whose power and wisdom are admired. These bonds help to make empires strong. But the bigger they become, the more difficult they are to hold together...

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the Maya from the buildings and artefacts they left behind
- How the Maya worshipped their gods
- How the Maya used glyphs for writing and counting
- Why the Maya empire declined
- What Benin City in West Africa might have looked like?
- How to use different sources to find out about the Kingdom of Benin
- How the Edo/Benin people celebrate and worship
- What happened to the Kingdom of Benin?
- Why the prophet Mohammad was so important to the Islamic civilisation
- About the achievements and inventions of the Golden Age of Islam
- Why the Islamic empire declined

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to make West African masquerade masks and costumes
- How to create Islamic art

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan and perform our own West African masquerade

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About the culture and traditions of modern day Maya and Muslims