

AD: 900: History of non-European societies

Our next topic will focus on three non-European civilisations: the Maya, the Kingdom of Benin and the Golden Age of Islam

In History we will 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
- 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 will be finding out:

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

In Music we will be finding out:

- How to plan and perform our own West African masquerade

In International we will be finding out:

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

Visits:

We will be visiting the British Museum to find out more about the three civilisations using artefacts as evidence

This is a great museum to visit as a family as part of home learning.

Home Learning:

The children have had the chance to prepare for this topic through research done after the half term. As they learn more it would be great to continue through more discussion and shared research.