



Wow Days: Exploring the Benin Kingdom  
Thursday 13th February  
We look forward to a fabulous learning  
experience

Key Texts:  
 'Wonder'  
 R. J. Palacio

**Spring Term 2020**  
 Class Barbados Curriculum



Useful Websites:  
[www.trockstars.com/](http://www.trockstars.com/)  
 Parent Hub: For a wealth of Knowledge  
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Over the next half term, in **History**, Class Barbados will be learning about the golden age of the Benin Kingdom of Africa. Our learning will focus on exploring what life was like for people living in the Kingdom, its origins in 900 AD and how it all ended a thousand years later in 1897 AD. This exciting new topic will also culminate in a fantastic WOW Day at the end of term. In **science**, Year 6 will investigate electricity and how changes in a circuit- such as the voltage of a cell can affect the function of components such as light bulbs or buzzers whilst Year 5 explore the relationship between Earth and Space. Our whole class **reading** will centre around the novel 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio, from which we will explore how different characters behave and interact with each other, and the challenges and hurdles they overcome which ultimately we can learn lessons from in our own lives. This, coupled with our **PHSE** studies on diverse communities, will help to contribute in ensuring our children have a well rounded understanding and knowledge, helping them contribute positively to this diverse and exciting world. **English** will encompass a variety of writing in different genres, including balanced arguments; persuasive writing and how to use key narrative writing techniques to create engaging characters, magical settings and strong atmospheres. This term in **Art**, we will learn to use techniques such as vanishing points and horizon lines to create perspective in our work—studying examples of this from famous painters like J. M. W. Turner. Finally in **RE**, we will explore salvation and answer the question 'What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?' learning about how Christians worship and choose to live their lives because of their beliefs about Jesus and the resurrection.

