



Welcome back to school - we hope that you all had a lovely Summer break. We are very excited to begin this new year's learning with our topic on **Explorers!**

### **School Uniforms**

We love seeing all the children looking smart in their full school uniforms and plain black shoes. Please ensure that **everything is named** so we can reunite children and missing items easily. Anything lost and unnamed goes into the Lost Property box in the Hall.

### **PE Kits**

Please make sure these are named and in school all week (Monday to Friday!)

### **Coats and Wellies**

Please ensure children come to school with a suitable coat. Children with wellies in school will be allowed to use the field at play and lunchtimes in all weathers.

### **Staying Healthy**

Being well hydrated is important for learning. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school at all times. Alverton has a 'healthy tuck' policy for infants and fruit is provided at playtimes. Please don't send children into school with sweets, crisps, chocolate etc. for tuck.

### **Helping in School**

If you have time to come and read with children on a regular basis, please speak to a class teacher.

### **Learning in Key Stage 1**

We believe learning as an infant should be an imaginative, creative and immersive experience. Our aim is to create children who are passionate, resilient and increasingly independent learners who can reflect on and take pride in their achievements.

### **Supporting at Home**

Please read with your child every day! It really is ***the single most important*** way you can help support your child's learning. Spellings and **optional** topic homework grids are sent home termly. Children will also have access at home to some web-based APPs that the school pays for. More details will be available from your class teacher.

### **Working Together**

If you would like to meet your class teacher to discuss how best to support your child (or for any other reason!) then please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. After school is normally best as we will have more time to talk then.





## English

Our English this term will be focused on practising all the skills needed to lists, labels, captions and more!



## Maths

We will follow the White Rose scheme of Maths, building on all the children's prior knowledge.



## Science

In Science we will explore seasons and living things and their habitats.



## History & Geography

We will look at the life and journeys of the explorer Ibn Battuta.



## Computing

We will explore how to communicate and stay safe online and use technology for a range of purposes.



## RE

In RE we will be thinking about Islam and the way Muslims worship as well as the Christian Nativity story.



## Art & DT

In art we will look at the work of a range of artists, practise our art skills and produce a piece of collage art. In DT we will design and make a healthy wrap.



## PE

In PE we will do rainforest themed dance as well as travelling and shapes in gymnastics.



## PSHE

We will be following the 'Go Givers' scheme of work looking at rules, rights and responsibilities as well as understanding that we are all unique. We will also be learning why good hand hygiene is important.

