

Friday 17th January

## Important Dates



### INSET DAY

Monday 20th January

Friday 14th February

PTA Meeting Wednesday 22nd January at 8:45am

## What's going on in Alver Valley Schools?



### PE



Key stage 1 are using apparatus in Gymnastics this half term, and will be developing their core stability, balance and body management.



Key stage 2 are learning Handball, from the basic rules and skills of the sport then developing this into game play.

**ALL CHILDREN REQUIRE A PE KIT SUITABLE FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR USE INCLUDING AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS.**

### Nursery

Nursery are doing a big project on pets!

Can your child please bring a photo of any pets you have at home; including grandparents and wider relatives. It would be great if parents could come and talk to the children about any pets they have and how they look after them. Please speak to Mrs Richardson if you are interested in doing this.



## Reception

Can you please ensure your child has spare clothes for year R children as we like to play outside in ALL WEATHER!!

Thank you Mrs Petty & Mr Cook



## Year 1

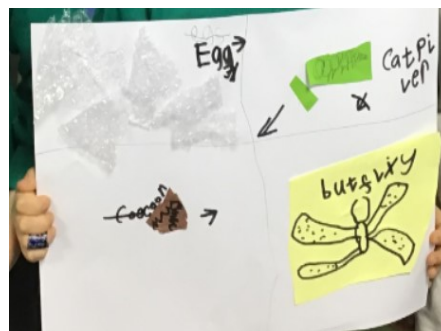
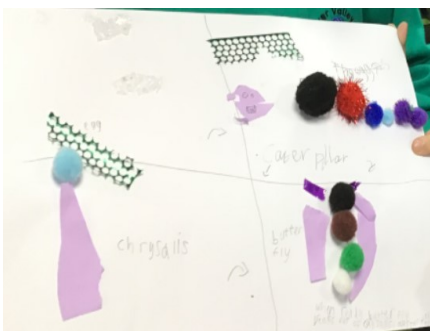


We have been enjoying learning about the world and have learnt a song to help them name the 7 continents. They are amazing at singing this as a year group. We have visited the search museum and found out about toys from the past and compared them to toys that we play with. Carol from search asked us to think about would we prefer our toys or toys from the past. Not many of us chose toys from the past!



## Year 2

We have started a new topic of Animals Including Humans. We started by looking at the life cycle of humans and matching baby animals to their adults. We discovered that some animal babies don't look like their parents so we made life cycles of butterflies and frogs to show the different stages of their lives. Next we will be learning about what animals need to survive!





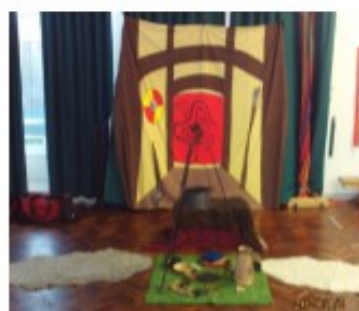
## Year 3

This half term year 3 are using their Science skills to investigate wild Animals and humans with a particular focus on nutrition, growth, muscles and the skeleton. We will be learning lots of interesting facts about wolves, by researching the internet, looking in books and watching video clips. The facts we find out will be used in our own Information report about them.

We are continuing to develop our fluency skills in maths by learning number facts and times tables, which we can then apply in different contexts. The rest of the term will be spent enjoying the rest of the curriculum, it is a busy time!

## Year 4

We are exploring the Vikings for our history topic, here are some photos from our day with 'Sig' the Viking



## Year 5

We are exploring the Mayan civilisation and going where no one has gone before by exploring space. Our reading book is The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Alex Bell



**After School Clubs will run from  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Hockey</b> <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> <b>Time 3:00-4:00</b></p>		<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Girls Football</b> <b>Years 4-6</b> <b>Time 3:00-4:00</b></p>		
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>Multi Skills</b> <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Time 3:00-4:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Multi-Skills</p> 		<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>Hockey</b> <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Time 3:00-4:00</b></p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>Early Years</b> <b>Multi Skills</b> <b>Time 3:00-4:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Multi-Skills</p> 		<p><b>Friday</b> <b>Years 4-6</b> <b>Boys Football</b> <b>Time 3:00-4:00</b></p>	
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**Please see our new notice board in main reception & the school website to keep updated on school events!**

## Alver Valley Schools Uniform

It is great to see all the children starting the new year and new term smartly dressed in their school uniform and ready to learn. A reminder that black school shoes are part of our uniform.

**No trainers or boots**





Sessions at Alver Valley are on a Monday lunchtime for Infant children and a Friday lunchtime for Junior children. During young carers sessions, children have the opportunity to talk about any worries they may have whilst also doing fun activities. Some of the activities we have completed to date have included: worry boxes, safe space pillows and lego therapy.

If you feel your child may be a young carer and require some extra support in school, please speak with your child's class teacher or Mrs Guest who runs young carers via the school office.

Mrs Guest



## Service Families

All service children are invited to attend a weekly club called Alver Valley Troopers. This runs from 3.00-4.00pm every Monday.

Children meet together to play, carry out a wide variety of activities and to build up relationships with other service children within the school. It is a chance to have fun together but also to talk and share feelings and news.

To make contact regarding Alver Valley Troopers, please email: [services@alvervalleyschools.co.uk](mailto:services@alvervalleyschools.co.uk)





## **Were you aware that:**

**90% attendance is equivalent to having a day off every two weeks**

**80% attendance is equivalent to having a day off every week**

**There is a direct correlation between poor attendance and pupil progress  
10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence could lead to a Penalty Notice or in worst case  
legal action**

**10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence for a family holiday will lead to a Penalty Notice  
per parent, per child**

**Arrival after the close of registration will be marked as unauthorised absence code U which  
will also affect attendance**

**Medical appointments are to be made outside of school hours or during school holidays.  
Where this is not possible this information should be provided to the school office in the form  
of an appointment card, letter, email or text message**

### **100% Autumn Attendance 4th September 2019 to 20th December 2019**

<b>Infant</b>	<b>Junior</b>
RP 3 Children	3H 10 Children
RGC 5 Children	3T 12 Children
1B 6 Children	4BE 5 Children
1R 6 Children	4P 6 Children
2AH 10 Children	5E 6 Children
2W 10 Children	5W 6 Children
	6G 3 Children
	6K 6 Children



**Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME**

# School Dinners

Can you please ensure you pay in advance or on the day for school dinners. School dinners cost £2.40 per day and can be paid via Scopay or at the school office. Many thanks

**Alver Valley Schools were the top seller for the Poppy Appeal in the area for 2019!!**



## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 251.65...  
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely  
*S Peters*  
Local Honorary Organiser



Together we can do so much!



Interested in being part of the team?  
Come to our meeting

Wednesday 22nd January  
8:45am  
Junior School Small Hall

Contact us: Tel:023 9258 1777 or 023 9258 3029  
Email: [office@alvervalleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@alvervalleyschools.co.uk)