Curriculum Overview
Aldersbrook Primary School

Year 2
Autumn 1
Explorers

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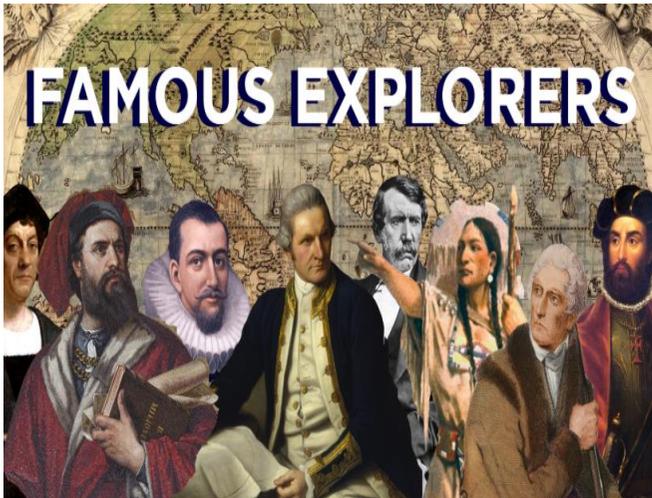
Big Question:
What makes you you?

OUR VALUES THIS TERM	RESILIENCE	TOLERANCE	HONESTY	COMPASSION

This term we will be learning to interpret maps and create some of our own. We will be studying a range of explorers and discussing why exploration is important. We will be comparing past and present explorers and making comparisons.

Children will have to think about why it is important to remember things that have happened in the past and the impact they have on our lives today.

We will be revising the seven continents of the world and we will be making links between explorers and the continents they have travelled to.

Other Information
If parents have any particular expertise for one of our topics please contact the school office so we can arrange for you to come in and share your knowledge.

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English

In English we will be using 'Traction Man' as inspiration for our writing.

We will be creating our own superheroes as well as using the text to create descriptive pieces of writing. Our reading focus will be to make predictions as to what might happen next.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be learning to:

Apply our knowledge of place value to help answer addition and subtraction problems.

We will also be focusing on number formation.

Science

We will be identifying and comparing different materials and their properties. We will then see if we can change the shapes of different materials.

Computing

We will be exploring how to take photographs on a digital device.

Suggested Reading

A range of Julia Donaldson books.
Non fiction texts on explorers.

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

Doing
Researching different explorers and see if any unexpected information can be found.

Watching
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-exceptional-explorers

Visiting Websites
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhpchbk

Experiencing Visit your local park. Can you make a map of it and include a key with symbols?