



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer term (1)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of our summer term, at Alston Primary School, has been an enthusing and busy one.

Some of the highlights of this half term have been: our very successful Diversity Day, where all our children embraced the similarities and differences between all the countries of the United Kingdom, our school celebrations around the Coronation of King Charles III and the exploration of the lifecycle of butterflies in our Reception classes.

This half term, we have had an exciting, new addition to our playground. We now have our very own permanent orienteering course. Our children have already enjoyed using the maps of the school to negotiate their way around the set points on the school site.

To find out more about your children's daily life at school, remember to visit our school Twitter account, which has many more examples of the wonderful work, activities and experiences that your children take part in, every day.

The topics for each year group, for next half term, are available below and on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support this half term.
Have a wonderful break.

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Please click on the link below to access your homework.
<https://www.alston.bham.sch.uk/home-learning/>

Year 3 carried out research about Wales during Diversity Day.



Reception enjoyed completing a range of creative activities to celebrate the Coronation.



Year 2 created some incredible art pieces around their topic of the seaside.



Year 6 enjoyed their live lesson and took part in Bobby's Big Number Fun Quiz as part of National Numeracy Day.



Summer 2 - Curriculum topics

Below are the topics that each year group is studying next half term in science, history, geography, art and design technology.

<u>Nursery</u>	The Train Ride by June Crebbin Maisy Goes on Holiday by Lucy Cousins Just Grandma and Me by Mercer Mayer		
<u>Reception</u>	Mad about Minibeasts by Giles Andreae We all Go Travelling by Sheena Roberts Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne		
<u>Year 1</u>	Science Seasonal changes	Geography Wonderful Weather	DT Mechanisms - Slides and levers
<u>Year 2</u>	Science Working scientifically- Super Scientists	History Seaside holidays	DT Textiles- Templates and joining techniques
<u>Year 3</u>	Science Working scientifically- What do scientists do?	Geography Rivers	DT Textiles
<u>Year 4</u>	Science Animals, including humans	History The Anglo-Saxons and Scots	Art Designer study - Sue Stone
<u>Year 5</u>	Science Living things and their habitats - life cycles	Geography Globalisation	DT Food - Celebrating culture and seasonality
<u>Year 6</u>	Science Working scientifically- Great British Scientists	History Early Islamic Civilisation	Art Artist Study- Hassan Massoudy



Year 5 joined Year 7 pupils, at Saltley Academy, to enjoy a hands-on experimental science lesson.



Year 4 visited our British history timeline to learn about the different monarchs in Britain's past.



Year 1 worked together, during their orienteering lesson, to find out facts about Ireland as part of Diversity Day.