"There is a buzz around the school" (parent feedback).



From Reception through to Year 6, we take opportunities to extend the curriculum through visitors, including artists and musicians. We also use our amazing grounds as much as possible and get out and about in the locality and the wider environment. In addition, we plan educational visits to enhance the children's learning to places such as Feadon Farm, the museum in Truro, the Minack theatre or St Michael's Mount.

There are many opportunities for excellence beyond the classroom such as through our highly successful sports teams or our annual musical production. Excellent links with both local secondary schools provide many enrichment activities for Key Stage 2 including in dance, art and sport.



Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to spend time at a residential centre



during the Summer Term. This helps to develop self-reliance, co-operation and initiative as well as giving the children the chance to experience different activities and environments. These trips are also, of course, great fun! Our residential visits range from camping and outward bound activities at Porthpean to an unforgettable trip to London including Legoland and a West End show!

For more information, please visit the Curriculum pages of our website: http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/introduction/119153



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At Alverton, we want to give every child the very best learning experience that we can. We provide a rich and exciting curriculum that promotes independence and opportunities for everyone, regardless of individual need, to succeed. We endeavour to find out what interests the children and aim to give them the academic knowledge, skills and cultural capital they need to allow them to progress confidently onto their future learning and into the world. We feel that reading is fundamental to a child's success and ensure that this is embedded throughout the curriculum.

All staff have a shared ethos and high expectations for all our pupils and celebrate their successes in all aspects of school life, encouraging pupils to reach their full potential and adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of every pupil. We deliver a coherently planned and sequenced, broad and varied curriculum which is hugely engaging and designed to ensure that all of our children succeed and love to learn.

We take a cohesive and coherent approach towards the planning, sequencing and delivery of lessons in order to ensure the children accumulate the knowledge and skills needed for future learning. Each key stage follows a rolling program of umbrella headings which ensures full and rigorous curriculum coverage in all year groups, enabling pupils to revisit and remember the content and skills they have been taught and to link these into new learning.

We firmly believe that our pupils need to be prepared for life in a technological world. We use iPads across the curriculum to enhance learning, develop IT skills and ensure that all pupils are enabled to access learning and record their work in a variety of ways.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Children in our youngest classes are immersed in the three prime areas of learning in a safe and stimulating environment. We consider the individual needs, interests, and stage of development of each child in our care, and use this information to

plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning and development.

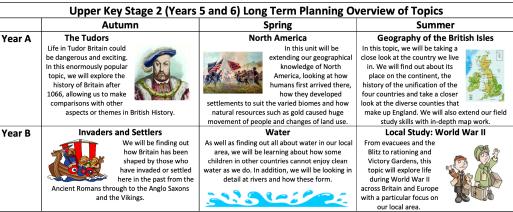
We aim to create experiences which encourage children to think creatively and explore the world as they see it. We recognise the importance of play-based learning as well as the benefits that being outside can bring.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Long Term Planning Overview of Topics Autumn Spring Summer Year A Mary Anning and the Dinosaurs **Natural World Our Cornwall** In this hugely popular topic, we will be learning This topic is all about the natural world and the This topic lets us find out environment. We will learn about about these exciting about the county we live in. creatures who roamed plants and animals and what they including its history and the earth millions of years geography. During the topic, need to survive and thrive. We ago and the role Mary will consider the challenges the we will plan local visits and Anning had in helping us planet faces and what we can do use our map skills to help us understand them! to help! develop our understanding of Our Cornwall. Year B **Explorers** Another Place - China The Great Fire of London Would you like to be What would it be like to We will learn all about this an explorer? We will live in China? We will significant historic event and contrast life in 17th century learn about a range of compare our country with explorers, where they another, looking at its England with life today. went, what they istory, art, geography and discovered and how culture and at different we know about them aspects of life there.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Long Term Planning Overview of Topics

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year A	Stone Age to Iron Age	Latin America	Local Study – Cornwall
	What was life like long ago? This history-based project will look at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, focusing on our rich local heritage.	We will travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest as we find out all about its plants, animals and way of life. We will also learn about the Maya – and chocolate!	We will learn about, and explore, the geography and history of the area in which we live as well as respond to current local issues.
Year B	The Ancients In this project, we will be investigating the rise of the earliest civilisations followed by an in-depth subject of Ancient Egypt. The children will journey far back into the past and imagine what life would be like in these fascinating times.	Disaster! We will be learning about how natural phenomenon and the weather can affect the planet as well as thinking about the effect that people have and what we can do about it.	Ancient Greece This project will study Ancient Greek life and achievements as we learn about the people, stories and events of the time, discovering the lasting influence of the Ancient Greeks on the western world.
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) Long Term Planning Overview of Topics			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year A	The Tudors	North America	Geography of the British Isles
	Life in Tudor Britain could be dangerous and exciting. In this enormously popular	In this unit will be extending our geographical knowledge of North	In this topic, we will be taking a close look at the country we live in. We will find out about its



We have fantastic grounds at Alverton and take every opportunity to enhance the children's experiences at school through using this for woodland activities and outdoor education.

