

# Humanities Week

Tuesday 30th October—Friday 2nd November

## Calling all explorers and expeditioners!

Humanities week is on the horizon and we have lots of exciting activities planned. As the week has an 'explorers' theme, **we please ask that every child brings in a rucksack to keep in school for the week.** The rucksack will be used to collect artefacts throughout the week that can be taken home on Friday.



## Tuesday: Environments Day

Humanities Week will be launched with an assembly with Adrian Hall from 'Active Outdoor Discovery'. Adrian is freelance Expedition Leader, qualified Mountain Leader and graduate geologist. He has been on many expeditions in remote places around the world, including Alaska, Arctic and the Galapagos Islands. Adrian will be teaching the children all about surviving the Arctic and will participate in workshops where they can explore an expedition kit to illustrate what you would take with you. The children can try getting into an emergency shelter and imagine a blizzard is howling outside!

The children will also be rotating around the school to different teachers where they will spend time learning about other environments around the world, including the Amazon Rainforest, African Savanna and the depths of the Earth's oceans.

## Wednesday: Map Skills and Orienteering

The children will learn how to read and follow maps. They will practise their map reading skills whilst exploring the local area. The children will be learning how maps are made and will have a go at creating their own map too.

Please keep an eye on classroom notice boards to see if any parent volunteers are required to support explorations of the local area, outside of the school grounds.

The DASP schools sport co-coordinator, Mr Daley, will be setting up orienteering activities around the school for all classes to participate in throughout the day.

## Thursday: History of the Local Area

We are fortunate to live in a part of the world that has such a lot of amazing history all around!

We will start the day by walking to the RAF War Memorial by Airfield Close, where the children will learn that the memorial commemorates those who served from the airfield, which was operational from 1937 to 1946 and those who fell during the Second World War. **If there are any parents who are able to come on the walk with us to support the children, we would be very grateful. We will be leaving school at 9am and hope to return by 9.45am.**



On the return to school, the children will rotate to different teachers to learn about sites and monuments of historic interest in our local area. This will include 'The Pit of Doom', the Roman mosaics and learning about the Neolithic way of life through a Forest School session with Miss Padfield.

**PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM ON THIS DAY. PLEASE DRESS CHILDREN IN CLOTHES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE FOREST SCHOOL SESSION AND CAN GET MESSY!**

## Friday: Famous Explorers



The children will be greeted at school by some of the most famous explorers known today! The explorers may look suspiciously like the teachers at Frome Valley, but they will be there to share stories about their most famous adventures and achievements. Some famous faces include Buzz Aldrin, who will be there to talk about travelling to space, and Amelia Earhart will discuss how incredible it was to be the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic.

## Treasure hunt and Pirate Party!



To finish off a fantastic week, we will be having a treasure hunt! Parents are welcome to come into school at 2.30pm on Friday afternoon and participate in the treasure hunt with the children. Clues will be given and treasure will be hidden!

Find letters to solve the hidden word. When complete, children and parents are invited to a 'Pirate Party' in the hall. If the children have cracked the code on the treasure hunt, they can trade in the hidden word for a biscuit and a drink of squash.

Tea and coffee will be available for parents to enjoy too!

The humanities week team would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA for funding Humanities week and making these fun filled special school weeks as exciting as can be!

*Thank you!*