11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am really looking forward to working with your children again in September and starting our first project all about Explorers. We will be exploring the characteristics of our Values and Team Players.

We will be discussing big questions such as: ***What makes a good friend? Why is friendship important? Why are differences useful?***

In VIPERS, we will be using the brilliant book, ‘Holes’ by Louis Sachar, a recommended read by the current Year 6’s and Mr Pitt. We will also be reading many others books, including Shackleton’s Journey for our writing journey, please take a look at the Autumn learning journey (coming soon) for the full list.

It would be great for each child to have access to this book for the start of the term in September because we will be using it to build vocabulary, inference, prediction, explaining and summarising skills.

As you are already aware, having copies of the text enables each child to not only follow the story being read aloud, but to be able to go back, re-read, look deeper into the illustrations and highlight words they liked. We have used the Boy 87 book many times for ideas/phrases for our diary writing this half term.

It can be found on Amazon from £3.82 for a used like new copy or from £7.99 for a new copy. If you have any questions or need support with this, please email me cjames@bolneyprimary.school

Regards, Mrs James