

Important Dates

Wednesday 23rd January – Year 1 inflatable planetarium

Friday 18th January – Cuba class assembly @ 9.05am

Friday 25th January – Costa Rica class assembly @ 9.05am

w/c 28th January – STEM week

Friday 1st February – STEM week fair @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 13th February – school closes @ 1:45 for parents evening 2 – 7pm

Friday 15th February - term ends @ 3.30pm

Monday 25th February – Spring term 2 starts @ 8.55am



Year One Costa Rica and Cuba Spring 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new half term at Alexandra Primary School. We hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready for an exciting half term. We have lots of interesting and exciting new topics to cover this term with a particular focus on Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon. We will be looking at his exciting journey to space and writing a newspaper report to explain our findings.

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please make an appointment with their class teacher.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Miss Rose, Mrs Beare, Julie and Dorota

Homework

Homework is sent out every Friday and should be returned on the following Wednesday.

It is essential that your child **reads every day!** Reading is a fantastic way for your children to expand their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and improve their writing.

Reading Journals need to be completed by the children with support from parents. Please encourage your child to draw pictures and engage with their home reading books. Fantastic examples will be celebrated in KS1 Assembly each week.



P.E.

Children must bring their complete PE kit every DAY.

Costa Rica class have PE on a Thursday and Friday.

Cuba class have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday.

As well as RWI phonics, we will be focus on composing sentences orally, sequencing sentences to form short narratives and re-reading our writing to check it makes sense. Regular handwriting practise will help us to develop correct letter formation of lowercase and capital letters and ensure letters are consistent in size. *If you were to write a story about Space, who would your main character be? Why?*

As mathematicians we will be counting to, reading and writing numbers to 40. We will be adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers to 20 and solving problems involving addition and subtraction. We will start to look at the language of time; days, weeks, months of the year and sequencing events chronologically.

As scientists we will be looking at plants. We will be growing our own runner beans. Using our weekly observations, we will be keeping a bean diary. We will investigate what plants need to survive, by carrying out simple experiments.

Can you name two different plants?

Music

Rhythm and pitch

Computing

Computer science

Walking with Dinosaurs

Science

Plants

Humanities

Walking on the Moon

Numeracy

Calculations:
Addition and Subtractions within 20

Walking on the Moon



Literacy

Fiction, recounts, reports, short stories.

The Arts

Artist: Peter Thorpe

Focus: Painting

Physical Development

Gymnastics and Basketball

Spanish

In Spanish, we will be asking and answering questions about "The Calendar."

Do you know the months of the year in Spanish?

In P.E. we will be continuing our gymnastics skills. We will be performing actions with control and co-ordination.

We will also be starting basketball.

We will be exploring the life Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon!

We will be looking at his career, space travel, what you need to survive in Space and what Space travel is like today.

What do you know about Space already?

As artists, we will be exploring different media and materials to create our own space art, based on the rocket paintings by Peter Thorpe.

PSHE & RE

R.E : Why are some stories special?

PSHE: Let's Work