

### ***Important Events***

TBC: Trip - The Science Museum

12th February 2018: School closes for Half term

16th February 2018: Return from Half term

23rd March 2018: Class Assembly

### ***Homework***

Literacy and Numeracy homework will be sent out **every FRIDAY**. We will collect homework from the children on **WEDNESDAY mornings**.

Spellings will be sent out every **FRIDAY** and tested the following **FRIDAY**.

**Each week, your child will receive two reading books to read at home.** One will be at their reading level and one will be their choice from our book corner.

Please return these books in order to receive another one next week.

Reading Journals should to be completed weekly by your child. Please take this opportunity to discuss their reading with them.

*This term the children will be continuing gymnastics and starting basketball.*

**Children must leave their LABELLED PE kit in school for the half term.**



## **Year 1 Costa Rica 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 "take-off" into Spring!

We have lots of interesting and exciting new topics to cover this term with a particular focus on Space. Please ensure that your child is reading for 10-15 minutes and practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s every evening.

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free. We are available to talk after school on most days.

Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet.

We look forward to working with you and your child.  
Miss Rose and Vicky

As writers 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 developing 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 starting a new curriculum called "Maths, No Problem" 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 are continuing to discover more about animals, including humans. This halfterm we will be focussing on herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will be identifying and naming different animals within these groups, describing and comparing them.

Can you think of an animal that eats both meat and plants?

## Numeracy

**Problem Solving,  
Number, Calculation,  
Time**

## Science

**Animals Including Humans**

## ICT

**We will be  
continuing to  
learn coding  
basics.**

## PSHE & RE

**PSHE: We will be  
focussing on staying  
safe**

## Literacy

**Fiction, recounts,  
reports, short  
stories.**

## The Arts

**Exploration of  
different materials**

As artists, we will be exploring different media and materials to create our own space art.

## Physical Development

**Gymnastics and Basketball**

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.

## Humanities

**Take to the Skies!  
The history of Space  
travel**

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?**

