

## *Important Events*

*Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018: Families Week*

*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018: School closes for May half term*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Return for Summer 2 half term*

## *Homework*

*Spellings and maths homework will be sent out **every Friday**. Homework should be handed in by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent out every **week** and tested at the end of the week.*

*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.*

## *PE*

*This term the children will be learning athletics and will have a professional dance coach to teach ballet!*

*Children must bring their **complete PE kit every DAY**.*

*Chile class have PE on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**.*

*Colombia class have PE on a **Thursday and Friday**.*



## *Year Two Summer 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome to the start of a wonderful new half term at Alexandra Primary School! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready to jump into the summer term.*

*We have lots of fantastic new topics to cover this term with a particular focus on Living Things and their habitats and Seafarers. Please ensure that your child is reading and continuing to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables every day*

*As you know we will be doing the SATs tests this half term during the month of May. These will be done in a supportive environment and will help to inform our teacher assessments of your children. You will find an additional sheet with information about the SATs papers and their contents attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions about the SATs, please don't hesitate to speak to us.*

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

*Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the other side of this letter.*

*We look forward to working with you and your child.  
Miss Payne, Mrs Beare, Dorota and Kehinde*

This half term we will combine our English work with our topic work and have a 'sea' theme. We will read and study 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary' and attempt to write a new ending. We will learn a Pirates Poem and use our research skills to learn all about dolphins, sharks and whales in order to write a non-chronological report. We will, as always, be improving our reading and grammar skills. **Please keep up the reading at home.**

In Summer term, we will be continuing to learn about shapes as well as exploring fractions by using a range of resources. We will be continuing to apply our skills in a range of practical contexts as well as working on our number skills. **Can you play times tables ping pong with someone at home?**

In Science this half term we will be learning all about different animals and how they survive in their habitats. We will be exploring food chains and how animals are suited to their habitats. **What can you find out about animal food chains?**

## PSHE & RE

RE: Why are some places special?  
SEAL: Good to be Me  
PSHE: You and Me

As a rights respecting school, all our PSHE links to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 15, Article 18 and Article; 27. In R.E. we will ask ourselves questions about what places we think are special. **Do you have a place that you go to that is special to you?**

This term we are taking part in the Take One Picture run by the National Gallery. Our art lessons will be planned around the painting by Joseph Wright named An Experiment on a Bird in a Pump. **What can you tell someone at home about this painting?**

**Maths**  
Shapes, Fractions,  
Time, Volume and  
Problem Solving

**Science**  
Living things and their  
habitats

**Computing**  
Creating tables on excel  
and interpreting data.

**History**  
Seafarers

We will be learning all about historical explorers with a focus on Christopher Columbus. We will be comparing modern sea travel with seafaring in the past. **What can you find out about Christopher Columbus?**

**Year Two**



**English**  
Writing stories, non-  
chronological reports and  
persuasive texts

**Art**  
Take One Picture

**Physical  
Development**  
Athletics and Ballet

This half term we will be continuing with our fantastic ballet lessons with our dance coach. We will also be learning different athletic skills like javelin, shotput and relay racing in preparation for our sports day. **Have you ever tried to throw a javelin?**