Important Events

14th - 17th May: SATS week - breakfast provided free from

8:00 - 8:30 AM

18th May: post-SATS class celebration

w/c 21st May: Families' Week



Homework is handed out on **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework will consist of a maths tasks that will consolidate the work they have learned that week and a literacy task.

A regular part of homework will be weekly **spellings**; we will be practising these in class and children will be tested on these on Friday.

Also, please practise the **times tables** with your child, they will let you know which is their focus times table.

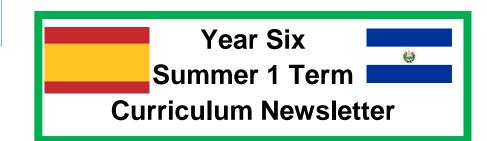
It is important that your child does their homework – please help them by making sure they have time to do it.

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.

Ask them questions about their reading. For example:

- What do you predict will happen next?
- What do you know about the character from that paragraph?
- What is the main idea/theme in that chapter?
- Is this book similar to any other books you have read?





We are El Salvador and España!

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 to dive into the new half term.

This half term we have a particular focus on our preparations for SATs in May. We have four weeks before SATs so it is very important that your child comes in to school on time every day, well-rested. We would recommend that they be in bed by 8:30 PM on weekdays — reading a book, not playing computer games.

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.

Miss Seymour, Mrs Piesold and Mrs Cannon

SATS revision

Please remind your child to use the Revision guides for Maths, Reading and SPAG which were purchased from the school earlier in the Spring Term. These will really help them to hone their skills for SATS in the Summer term.

If you have not yet purchased these, please ask any of the year 6 teachers about this.

Writing

In Writing, we will continue to develop your child's confidence with different genres, using the appropriate tone (formal and informal) and developing their writer's voice.

Help your child with their spellings by encouraging them to clap the word and count the sounds. Do they recognise any other words in the word? Which part is tricky to spell? Encourage them to use the strategy look, cover, spell, check to practise the words.

Reading

We will continue to develop our reading skills of inference, prediction, clarifying, summarising, evaluating, asking questions and making connections through our daily reading lessons.

Art and DT

We will be working on One Point Perspective and then taking part in Take One Picture – a project linked to the National Gallery – after Sats.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will continue to work hard at becoming fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics. We will be practising our times tables to 12 and the related division facts. We will reason and justify our theories and approaches, using mathematical language and discussion. We will solve problems, applying our learning in a variety of contexts.

Literacy

Narrative Poetru Character Description Story with Suspense Informal Letter

Mathematics

Fractions and Percentages Long division Graphs Time Negative numbers

Art and DT

Take One Picture / One point perspective

Their Habitats

Science

Living Things and

Good to be Me

PSHE

PSHE

micro-organism might be?

Science

groups

This half term, we will be learning

about Living Things and their

Habitats. Your child will learn to

classify animals, placing them into

characteristics. We will also design

our own animals with specific

characteristics and investigate micro-

organisms. Can you clarify what a

based

In PSHE, our topic will be 'Good to Be Me'. We will develop our understanding of other cultures, recognising how injustice and inequality can affect people's lives.

Music

Guitar lessons / Violins

Physical **Development** Athletics and

Gumnastics

The Three Little Pigs 4

Spanish

Spanish: We are rehearsing The Three Little Pigs, learning dialogue and roleplaying scenes.

Physical Development

This half term, out outdoors sport will be Athletics, with a focus on developing children's performance in a range of running, jumping and throwing reflecting on how to achieve the greatest speed, height, distance or accuracy. In Gymnastics, our indoor sport, we will explore balance, strength and flexibility. Children must bring their complete PE kit. PE lessons will take place on El Salvador: Wednesdays and Thursdays.

España: Mondays and Thursdays