

Important Dates

TBC – Year 1 trip

Thursday 30th October – The Big Draw @ 2pm

Wednesday 7th November – School photographs

Monday 12th November – Anti-bullying week and odd socks day

Thursday 13th December – EYFS & KS1 Pantomime

Friday 14th December – Christmas jumper day & dinner

Tuesday 18th December – KS1 Christmas production @ 9am

Tuesday 18th December – Winter celebration @ 3.30pm

Friday 21st December – Term finishes @ 2pm



Year One Costa Rica and Cuba Autumn 2 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 Houses and homes. We will also be learning all about the different types of homes across the world, how they are made and what the key features are.

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.

We will be continuing with our groups for RWI phonics. During our extended writing sessions we will focus on character and description settings, based on the story 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' by Nigel Gray. We will continue to focus on our presentation and using capital letters and full stops.

Within Maths No Problem, we will begin by focusing on positions. This will include naming position in queues, such as 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We will also explore our left and right.

We will then focus on counting forwards to 20 and backwards. We will learn the number words and find number patterns.

As Scientists we will be continuing our learning about different materials and their properties. We will be thinking scientifically to create our own investigations about everyday materials.

What experiments have you done so far in year 1? What was your prediction, and did it match the conclusion?

Music

Rhythm and pitch

Computing

Digital literacy

Pictures Tell a Thousand Words

Science

Everyday Materials
Working scientifically

Humanities

Home Sweet Home

Physical Development

Gymnastics and Football

Spanish

In Spanish, we will be focusing on greetings, colours and numbers. This will include asking and answering simple questions. **Can you say hello and goodbye in Spanish?**

In P.E. we will be doing gymnastics, which focuses on travelling, using different body parts. For outdoor games, this term we will focus on our football skills.

Our topic this term is Home Sweet Home. During this history topic we will be looking at the different houses and homes that can be found around the world. We will identify the key features, such as chimneys, windows and front doors.

What does your home look like? Can you draw your home?

Home Sweet Home



Numeracy

Positions
Numbers to 20

Literacy

Phonics
Character and setting descriptions

The Arts

Design and technology
Building a house

PSHE & RE

RE: Where do we belong?

PSHE: Staying safe

This term we will have a design and technology focus. During this topic we will think about the structure of houses and begin to create our own.