

## **Important Events**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** Homework Celebration Assembly

**Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January:** STEM week

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 3:30pm:** STEM Fair

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:** Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:00-7:00pm:** Parents Evening (school finishes at 1:45)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Colombia Class Assembly

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** End of Spring 1

**Monday 25<sup>nd</sup> February:** Beginning of Spring 2

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 2 trip to the National Gallery

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Chile Class Assembly

## **Homework**

Spellings and maths homework will continue to 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.

They must be brought into school **daily**. **Please** encourage your child to draw pictures and engage with their home reading books. Fantastic examples will be celebrated in KS1 Assembly each week.

## **PE**

This term the children will be learning gymnastics and basketball.

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

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

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



## **Year Two Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a busy half term back at Alexandra Primary. We hope you all had a fantastic winter break and have returned refreshed and ready for the Spring Term.

We have lots of wonderful new topics to cover this half term, with a particular focus on Florence Nightingale and her legacy. We will also have a visit from the school nurse to learn about how modern day nursing is different from when Florence Nightingale was working.

Please ensure you continue to support your child by reading with them every evening and practising their 10, 5 and 2 times tables regularly. We have now started Times Tables Rockstars at school which will support your child to embed their focus times tables, so please encourage your children to use it at home. If you have any questions about Rockstars, please ask your class teacher.

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child and their progress, please feel free to speak to us. We are available to talk after school and can make an appointment to meet you if you should wish.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child as the year progresses,

Miss Payne, Mr Schmitz, Vicky and Sam.

We are going to be reading a range of books linked to helping others to link to our topic of Florence Nightingale. We will also be watching videos to inspire us to write imaginative setting descriptions. **What is your favourite setting for a story? Have you ever written a story with an unusual setting?**

This half term we will be learning about telling the time and using key vocabulary related to time. We will continue to work on various methods for addition and subtraction in a range of contexts. We will also learn about a range of 2D and 3D shapes and how to identify them. **What 2D shapes can you find around your home and local area?**

This half term we will be learning all about animals including humans. We will be learning about the basic needs of humans and animals for survival. We will link this to learning about healthy lifestyles and different food types. **What do you think the basic needs of humans are? What is the difference between needs and wants?**

### Spanish

Questions about the weatherman – What's the weather like in... In January the weather is...

### PSHE & RE

RE: Why is Jesus important?  
RRS: Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents.  
PSHE: Let's Work.

We will be continuing to learn about religions from around the world as well as learning about the world of work. We will be continuing to strive to achieve our Silver Award as a Rights Respecting School as we learn about our rights across the curriculum. **Why do you think education and work is important?**

We will be taking part in a competition to design a sculpture for the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. We will be sketching our designs and experimenting with a range of sculpting materials. **Have you ever made a sculpture at home?**

### Maths

Time, Place Value, Addition and subtraction, Geometry: Shape

### English

Setting and character descriptions, instructions and persuasive texts.

## Year Two



### Art

Mayor of London Fourth Plinth

### Physical Development

Gymnastics and Basketball

We will be continuing to develop our gymnastics skills using a range of equipment and making up our own routines. We will also be starting basketball where we will be learning the key skills and techniques to use. **Have you ever made up a gymnastics routine at home? Do you know any important rules of basketball that you could share with the class?**

### Science

Animals including Humans

### Music

Songs for world book day – The Jungle Book.

### Computing

Let's fix it – Computer Science  
Creating and debugging simple programmes.

Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour or simple programs.

### History

Florence Nightingale

This half term we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and the impact she had on modern nursing. We will be learning about who she was and why she is historically important. **What can you find out about who Florence Nightingale is? Why is it important to learn about people who helped others?**