

Important Dates

Holiday Homework Celebration Assembly: Friday 11th January 2019

Charterhouse trip: Thursday 24th January 2019 Bolivia class

Charterhouse trip: Friday 25th January 2019 Argentina class

STEM week: w/c 28th January 2019

STEM fair: w/c Friday 1st February at 3.30pm

Safer Internet Day: 5th February 2019

Parent's Evening: 13th February 2019 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm (school closes at 1.45pm)

Friday 15th February – End of half term

Monday 25th February – Start of Spring 2



Year Three Spring 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter

Homework

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. Our focus this half term is the 3 times table including division facts. Please encourage your child to use the Timestable Rockstars app to support their timetables learning.

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.

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

Bolivia and Argentina

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new half term at Alexandra Primary School. We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for an action packed half term.

We have lots of exciting learning planned and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free to talk to us after school or make an appointment.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Miss Seymour, Miss Calin, Miss Conway, Miss Kennedy and Miss Abiose

Writing

This term we will be writing in a variety of different genres

We will be writing an instruction text, persuasive speech, newspaper reports, a letter and a narrative with dialogue based on George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Our Grammar focus will be present perfect verbs, sentences with clauses, conjunctions, punctuating direct speech and dialogue and rules of plurals

Mathematics: We will recall and practise **3, 4 and 8** timestables and related division facts. We will solve missing number problems and move onto mental and formal written methods of multiplying and dividing 2 digits by 1 digit using our timestables knowledge. We will also be learning to write and tell time using digital and analogue clocks to the nearest minute. We will look at fractions focusing on tenths.

History We will be studying the Tudor period. We will be using portraits to gather evidence about the power of a Tudor King. We will be studying the lives of rich and poor Tudors and thinking about different sources of information and how we can interpret this evidence.

Science: We will be learning about different forces. We will observe how magnets attract and repel each other and investigate which materials are attracted to magnets and which aren't. We will use our prediction skills to predict whether two magnets attract or repel each other depending on which poles are facing. We will carry out an investigation to explore the strength of different magnets.

Reading

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

Computing

We will select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information

Art

We will be studying Tudor Art and creating portraits of ourselves as Tudor Monarchs. We will develop our skills of sketching and collage.

Literacy

Instructions, Newspaper reports, persuasive speech, narrative with dialogue and letter

Mathematics

Multiplication and Division, Time and Fractions

Topic

Off with your head!

Science

Forces

PSHE

Let's Work

RE

Judaism

PSHCE We will be looking at how we contribute to society as volunteers and what that entails. We will also look at what it means to be a social entrepreneur. We will be considering our decisions and what influences us to make certain decisions.

RE: This unit explores ideas of what is important in the Jewish religion. We will study the main beliefs, customs and festivals to understand the core principles of this religion and how it is observed.



Computing

We are Publishers

Art

Modern British Artists

Music

Songs linked to Tudors

Physical Development

American Football and gymnastics

Spanish

Asking and Answering Questions

Physical Development

Children must bring their complete PE kit every week.

Argentina: Monday (gymnastics) and Thursday (American football)

Bolivia: Thursday (gymnastics) and Monday (American football)