

Important Events

25th February: Return from Half term
25th February: Paul Delaney visiting
26th February: SATs meeting for parents at 3.45pm
4th March: World Book week
8th March: Dress up for world book day
8th March: Parents invited into classes to look at World book week work at 2.45pm.
12th March: Year 6 health assessment by school nurse
29th March: Year 6 musical showcase at 9.00am
5th April: Easter parade and terms ends at 2.00pm
24th April: Summer 1 term begins



Year Six Spring 2 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.

As you know, your child has been given the Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 spelling lists for them to practice at home. Your child will be randomly tested on 20 of these words every Friday.

Please practise **timestable** with your child daily.

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! I 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 will hold a meeting on 26th February a 3.45pm to discuss how we will be preparing your child and how you can support at home.

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 Bruce and Miss Mackey

Rock stars

You child has received a user name and password for Rock Stars. This is a brilliant tool for children to use to practise their times tables at home.



Writing

We will be linking our writing to the World Book Day book, The Jungle Book. Children will have the opportunity to write **poetry, a newspaper report and a narrative**.

We will be developing our spelling strategies, grammar and punctuation skills.

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.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will work hard at becoming fluent in the **fundamentals of mathematics**. We will be practising our times tables to 12 and the 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.

Science

We will learning about the fascinating subject of **evolution and inheritance**. We will learn how fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will examine how living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic will be **'Relationships'** where we will learn about different types of relationships, important qualities, stereotypes and bullying.

In Spanish, we will be learning how to use language at "The travel agent & about different Transports". *Como vas a?* (How do you go to?) *A que hora sale el avion para?* (What time does the plane leave for?)

Literacy

Newspaper reports
Narrative poetry
Narrative

Mathematics

Ratio
Area and perimeter
Graphs and tables
Word problems using the 4 operations

Science

Evolution and
Inheritance

PSHE

Relationships

Spanish

Art and DT

Textiles and
Masking Making

Music

Violin lessons

Physical
Development
Basketball and
dance

Art and DT

We will be designing masks inspired by the carnival in South America. We will be using modrock and paint to create them.

Physical Development

We will be using our dribbling, passing and shooting skills to help us to learn and compete in **basketball** this term. **Dance** is 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: Monday and Thursdays**. **España: Wednesday and Thursdays**.