Year One
Costa Rica and Cuba
Autumn Term
Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting year 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 Family History. We will be learning all about ourselves and our family, including our likes and dislikes, where we come from and our hopes and wishes.
Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free. We are available to talk after school on most days. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Mrs Beare and Miss Pitre.

Miss Seymour and Ms Stone

Important Dates

Tuesday 10th September: *Meet the Teacher begins 3:20pm*

Friday 27th September: *Poet (Neal Zetter) visit for children*

Monday 30th September: *Black History Month commences*

Thursday 3rd October: *National Poetry Day*

Thursday 10th October: *International Evening*

Wednesday 16th October: *Parent Evening 1:40pm – 7:00pm Children to finish at 1:30.*

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October: *Half Term*

Monday 28th October *– INSET day for staff*

Tuesday 29th October *– Return to school for children*

Homework

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.

Black History Month

During the month of October all the children will take part in Black History month. We will learn about significant people of colour and their influence on our society. This will include researching and writing, learning new songs, learning new vocabulary and using our oracy skills to discuss what we have learned. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to ask questions and to develop a better understanding of the world around them.

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 Monday and Thursday.

My Family History

We will be in groups for Literacy and will follow the Read Write Inc. scheme. We will be learning our set 2 and set 3 sounds and practice blending our sounds to help us read. We will be practicing forming our letters correctly and learning to write full sentences using capital letters and full stops.

Literacy

Phonics

Writing simple sentences.

During Maths will be counting to and from 100, forwards and backwards. We will be writing numbers as numerals and in words. We will be using manipulatives to help us partition 2 digit numbers into tens and ones. We will finding halves and quarters and comparing measures. We will practice counting in 2's.

Numeracy

Counting, place value and fractions.

As Scientists we will be learning about different materials and their properties. We will be discussing what materials objects in our home are made from and thinking about why they are made from that material. We will also be observing seasonal changes.

Do have a look around your house, name the objects you can see and talk about what they are made from.

PSHE

PSHE: We will be thinking about relationships. All about our family and who is important to us.

Science

Everyday Materials

Computing

E-safety and Coding

We will learn how to use the internet safely and use algorithms to code our own games.

RE

RE: We will be learning why Jesus is important to Christians.

The Arts

Self Portraits

History

My Family History.

Spanish

Greeting each other in Spanish.

Music

We will learn about Classical music and musicians.

As artists we will be creating self-portraits. We will be looking at using different materials and media to create a range of effects.

Physical Development

Gymnastics and netball

In P.E. we will be doing gymnastics, which focuses on balance, jumping and rolling. For outdoor games, this term we will focus on our netball skills.

In our History sessions we will learn about the chronology of our families. In addition to this we will be investigating what makes us special, including where we come from, our likes and dislikes and our hopes for the year.

Can you make a timeline line of important events in your life so far?