

Important Dates

Thursday 16th January - booking opens for parents evening

Friday 17th January – Costa Rica Class assembly @8.55

Friday 24th January – Cuba Class assembly @ 8.55

w/c 27^h January – STEM week

date TBC – Trip to Bruce Castle

Tuesday 4th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12^h February – Parents evening 1.40 – 7.00; **school finishes at 1.30**

Friday 14th February – last day of term; **school finishes at 3.10**

Monday 24th February – Spring term 2 starts @ 8.45am

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.



Year One

Costa Rica and Cuba Spring 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and 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 the history of our local area. We will be learning about interesting people, events and buildings from Wood Green's past.

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.

Mrs Beare and Miss Pitre

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.

As well as RWI phonics, we will be focus on composing sentences orally, sequencing sentences to form short narratives and re-reading our writing to check it makes sense. Regular handwriting practise will help us to develop correct letter formation of lowercase and capital letters and ensure letters are consistent in size. **Can you remember which letters belong to which letter family?**

As mathematicians we will be counting to, reading and writing numbers to 100. We will be adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers to 20 and solving problems involving addition and subtraction. We will also be revisiting fractions and learning how to find halves, quarters and three quarters of numbers and shapes.

As scientists we will be looking at animals including humans. We will be looking at our five senses and our bodies. **Can you name all five senses?**

We will also be learning about the different groups of animals and how to sort them into their own groups as well as by other criteria.

Music

In Music we will be learning about Jazz.

Computing

In Computing we will be learning about how to use a keyboard to type. We will also be learning how to use Microsoft Word.

Science

Animals including Humans

Humanities

History of Our Local Area

In history we will be learning about Wood Green in the past. We will learn about how the area has changed from then to now by comparing photos. We will also look at significant buildings and see whether they are still used for the same purpose today. Finally we will be learning about some important local figures, the South family and see why their business was important in the past.

Wood Green: Then and Now



Numeracy

Place value, Fractions,
Mental + and -,
Written + and -

Literacy

Chronological instructions,
stories with predictable
language

The Arts

Focus: Printing

Physical Development

Dance and
Basketball

Spanish

Focus: Oracy

In Spanish we will continue to learn about Cuba and Costa Rica as well as learning days of the week and months of the year to develop our oracy skills.

In P.E. we will be starting to improve our dance skills. We will be creating and performing sequences with control and co-ordination.

We will also be starting basketball.

PSHE & RE

In RE we will be learning about the Bible and what Christians believe about God. In PSHE we will be learning about different skills and jobs and how important it is to be part of a community.

As artists, we will be exploring print making. We will be trying different print techniques and designing our own prints. **What could we use to print with?**