

## Important Events

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First day back at school

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January- Homework celebration assembly

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January- STEM Week

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February- Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Parents Evening (Children finish at 1:30pm)

Friday 14<sup>TH</sup> February- Children break up for half term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February- First day of Spring 2

## Homework

Spellings and maths homework will be sent out **every Friday**. Homework should be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will be tested at the end of the week.

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. Journals and reading books should be brought into school every day.

## PE

This term the children will be learning dance and basketball.

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

**Chile class have PE on a Monday and Tuesday.**

**Colombia class have PE on a Monday and Thursday.**



## Year Two Spring 1 2020 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a busy half term back at Alexandra Primary! I hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready to dive into Spring term.

We have lots of interesting and new topics to cover this term with a particular focus on learning about pioneers in History, such as Tim Peake our first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station. Please ensure that your child is reading and practising times tables every evening.

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.

Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet.

We look forward to working with you and your child

The Year 2 team

In English we will be using adjectives to write character and setting descriptions. We will also focus on historical recounts and persuasive text linked with school life.

In maths we will practise place value and fractions. In addition, we will be extending our knowledge of mental addition and subtraction strategies and work towards written methods. We will also continue to focus on these times tables x2, x5 x10.

In science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will identify and classify basic needs of animals and different types of food that they eat. We will also record data and observe and answer questions according to our scientific investigations.

In RE we will learn why the Torah is important in the Jewish religion and discover the importance of its teachings.

**English**  
Character / Setting Description, Historical Recounts, Persuasive Text

**Maths**  
Place Value, Fractions, Mental + and – strategies, Written methods for + and -

**Science**  
Animals including humans

In computing we will be learning to use Microsoft Word to take and manipulate screenshots and format different types of text. We will also learn how to insert and format text boxes.

**Computing**  
E –Safety  
Using Word

In music we will be learning how to play the drums, with a focus on classical music.

**Music**  
Drums

## Year Two

**Spanish**  
Colombia

In Spanish we will be learning facts about the countries our classes are named after. We will also be developing our oracy, so we are able to have a conversation in Spanish.

**Art**  
Collages

In Art we will be making collages. We will explore various designs and techniques to help produce a final artistic outcome.



**PSHCE**  
Let's Work and Going for goals

In PSHE we are learning about why rules are essential in our community and the universal skills needed to be able to work and earn money. We will also be comparing life choices and spending with that of a less developed country. In addition, we will discuss our strengths, abilities, qualities and achievements.

**Physical Development**  
Dance and Basketball

**History**  
Pioneers...  
The First...

In history we will be learning about famous pioneers including Christopher Columbus, Tim Peake and Emily Davison.

In PE we will be continuing to improve our dance skills by exploring different ways to travel and work in groups to produce a dance that we will perform to the class. We will also learn different basketball skills.