

Important Events

Monday 6th January – First day back at school

Friday 10th January- Homework celebration assembly

Monday 27th January- Friday 31st January- STEM Week

Tuesday 4th February- Safer Internet Day

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

Friday 14TH February- Children break up for half term

Monday 24th 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 Autumn Term 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

RE
What do Christians believe about forgiveness?

Year Two

Spanish
Colombia



Music
Drums

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

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

PSHCE
Let's Work and Going for goals

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

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.

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.