Important Dates

Friday 10th January - Homework Celebration Assembly

Thursday 16" January - Parents' Evening Booking opens

Monday 27" January - STEAM Week starts

Thursday 30" January - Trip to Tate Britain

Tuesday 4" February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12" February 1:40 - 7pm - Parents' Evening (Children finish at 1:30pm)

Friday 14th February - Last day of term

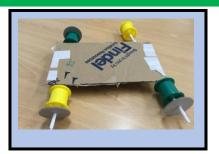
Monday 24" February at 8:45am - First day back at school





Year Four Nicaraqua and Mexico Spring 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter







Honework

Homework is handed out on **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework consists of English and Maths tasks that will consolidate the work they have learned that week.

A regular part of homework is weekly spellings. We practise these in class and children are tested on these on Friday.

Also, please practise the times tables with your child. Our focus this half term is the GX, TX and 9X. Please encourage your child to use the Timestable Rockstars app to support their timestables learning.

14 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. They should complete in their Home Reading Journal at least 5 times a week and should bring it to school every day.

It is important that your child does their homework - please help them by making sure they have time to do it.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Winter Holiday. It is lovely to see your children in class, keen and eager to learn.

This term, Year 4 have the exciting opportunity to step back in time to Ancient Egypt and explore what life was like under the powerful Pharacks. In science our new topic is States of Matter, where we will explore different materials and how they change when heated or cooled.

Should you wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free to talk to us after school or make an appointment.

We hope to see you all at the Parents' Evening on Wednesday 12th February. Please do make sure you book an appointment.

We look forward to being part of the Alexandra Primary school community and working with you and your child.

Warmest wishes

Ms Abmet, Miss Yardley, Ms Calin, Ms Krumova and Mrs Conway

The Year 4 Team

Mathematics History We will recall and practise the 4X and SX table and learning the 8X As bistorians, we will be delving deep into the fascinating world of Ancient As Scientists, we are going to work This term we will be writing in a variety of different genres scientifically to conduct experiments. We table. We will be revisiting fractions and learning about decimals. We Egypt. We will be studying the mummification process and comparing life in We will be starting the half term exploring The Iron Man and will also be using formal methods to complete addition and will create questions, bypothesis, Ancient Egypt to life in modern Britain. We will even have a go at becoming writing our own version of this. For STEAM Week, we will be experiment, observe and record our subtraction calculations. mammies ourselves! How long ago was the Ancient Egyptian period? writing a biography of a famous scientist. We will be finishing conclusions. We are going to compare and the half-term writing our own instructions and linking this to group materials according to whether they the Egyptians. are solids, liquids and gases. What are some examples of solids, liquids and gases? Mathematics Fractions Writing and Reading Science History Decimals first person narrative States of Matter Mental strategies Ancient Biographies Addition Egypt Reading Instructions Subtraction We will continue with Destination Reader, a reading programme to develop our reading skills of inference, prediction, clarifying, summarising, evaluating, asking questions and making connections through our daily reading lessons. **PSHCE** We will explore our responsibilities of being part of a family. We will look at jobs and roles within our Let's Work Computing community and bow this links with earning money. Word Processing RE Christianity Computing We will be learning about word processing and how to use Publisher. We will be learning about Christianity and how Mummy Death Masks their religion is practiced. Spanish In design and technology this term, we will be using our Conversational Spanish Physical Development knowledge of Ancient Egypt to create mummy masks. What Dance / Gym Basketball materials are we going to need to make our masks? Music Drums and Jass We will continue to learn conversational Spanish about our countries. Physical Development Children must bring their complete PE kit every week. Nicaragua and Mexico: Wednesday and Friday We will be learning the drums in the context of jazz music.