

Important Events

Black History Month launch day: Friday 1st October 2021

National Poetry Day – Thursday 7th October 2021

Parents evening – 21st October 2021

Half term: Monday 25th October- Friday 29th October

Back to school: Wednesday 3rd November 2021 (Inset – 1st and 2nd November 2021)

Homework

Homework is an essential tool to support children's learning. Year 1 will set all homework every **Friday** and should be completed/uploaded for the following **Wednesday**.

Homework will be based on work that the children have learnt throughout the week. A regular part of homework will be weekly **spellings**, we will be referring to these on a daily basis so it is really important that you take the time with your child at home to practice these.

If you do not have access to a computer device or internet, we will continue to give homework in books for your child. Please do let us know if this applies to you.

It is also essential that your child reads daily for at least 15-20 minutes. ***Reading is a fantastic way for your children to expand their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and improve their writing.***

PE

This term the children will be learning netball and gymnastics. PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday and Friday for Cuba** and **Tuesday and Wednesday for Costa Rica**.

Your child's P.E kit must contain a white t-shirt and either blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. plimsolls or plain trainers must be worn during all P.E lessons.



Year One Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Year 1!

An extremely warm welcome from the Year 1 Team – Miss Kaur, Miss Ayse, Miss Vicky and Miss Dorota.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and working with you and your children. There are lots of fantastic activities and learning that we have planned for this year and we cannot wait to get to know the children (and parents) all that little bit better. In the current situation, if you wish to talk to us about your child you should ring or email the office to let them know and we will then call you back.

Black History Month

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. We are **proud to be** part of Alexandra! What are you **proud to be**?

We are a rights respecting school

Article 12 – We have the right to give your opinions and to be listened to.
We have the responsibility to listen to others' views respectfully.

Article 28- We have the right to a good quality education.
We have the responsibility to work hard and always try our best at school.

Year One

As writers, we will be reading and **retelling simple stories**, understanding that all stories have a beginning, middle and end. We will explore characters, setting and the plot. The children will become confident writers whilst developing their inquisitiveness, imagination and originality.

English

In R.E we will explore what it means to belong to Christianity.

R.E

What does it mean to belong to Christianity?

As mathematicians we will be learning about **place value** – counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, forwards and backwards. We will then explore fractions, understanding that the number above is known as the numerator, and the bottom number – denominator. Later on in the term, we will move onto addition and subtraction using different mental strategies and written methods.

Maths

Place Value, fractions, written and mental methods for addition and subtraction

As scientists, we will be closely observing **Everyday materials**. For this we will be comparing, classifying and performing simple tests to enable us to record data. Once gathered, we will ask/answer questions linked to our findings.

Science

Everyday Materials

This term we will be learning all about percussion, sounds, patterns and rhythm.

Music

History

Our Family History

As historians we will be learning about **Our Family History** and things that make us unique. We will be making a Family tree and exploring the differences between past and present. Please send in your children's family portraits, (no originals please).

Art

Self portraits

As artists, we will focus on our **self-portrait**. We will explore various different materials, collage, paints, pastels to ensure our portraits are a true reflection of who we are and what we look like.

Computing

All about computers

We will learn about the different parts of a computer, for example how to use the mouse and keyboard. We will find out how to open different programmes.

P.E

Netball and Gymnastics

In PE, we will be learning the rules of **netball**, we will be practising our netball skills and learning how to play this competitive sport.

Gymnastics is our indoor sport, we will explore balance, strength and flexibility whilst maintaining safety and learning key rules.