

## Important dates:

Black History Month: October 2022

National Poetry Day: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Parents evening: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Black History Month celebration:

Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Inset days: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Back to school: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

## 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 **Wednesday and Friday for Cuba** and **Tuesday and Wednesday for Costa Rica**. Your child's PE 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 PE lessons.



## Year One Autumn 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Year 1!

An extremely warm welcome from the Year 1 Team - Miss Tavsanici, Miss Shah, Miss Vicky and Miss Sevena.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

## English

Retelling stories

## Maths

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

## Science

Everyday materials

In R.E we will explore what it means to belong to **Christianity**. We will also learn about what Christians do.

## R.E

What does it mean to belong to Christianity?

## Music

percussion, sounds, patterns and rhythm

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

# Year One

In PSHCE we will explore what it means to be safe, have responsibilities, feel proud of ourselves and consequences of our actions.

## PSHCE

Being me in my world

## 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

Technology around us

We will develop our understanding of technology and how it can help us. We will learn about the different components of a computer by developing our keyboard and mouse skills. We will also learn how to use technology responsibly.

## P.E

Hand skills and gymnastics

In PE, we will be learning about ball skills, using our hands. We will be practising our ball skills including throwing, rolling, sending and stopping.

**Gymnastics** is our indoor sport, we will explore wide, narrow and curled whilst maintaining safety and learning key rules.