



**Alexandra**  
Primary School

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**Thought for the Day:**  
**“Raise your words, not your voice.  
It is rain that grows flowers, not  
thunder.”**

**Question of the Week:**  
**Do animals have feelings?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it was a short week due to the bank holiday, we have filled it with a great deal of learning. Year 6 are preparing for their SATs tests and we wish them all well. The weather looks to be warming up a little, please ensure the children are equipped with sun hats and water bottles. Half term is approaching, school is being used as a polling station on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and will be closed to children for this reason. INSET day is Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Nursery: We have focused on the I love Animals story book this week and thought about how different animals move. Challenge your child to waddle like a duck or roll like a pig. We have introduced the vocabulary of full, half full and empty when talking about capacity. Either in the bath or the kitchen - talk to your child about how full or empty a container is. As I'm sure you are aware our focus sound has been T - did you see any terrible tigers? What other T words can you think of?

Reception: Our learning focus has been on predicting and testing objects that sink or float. We continued to predict when we listened to the story 'Who Sank the Boat' by predicting which animal made the boat sink. In Maths we have been learning how to count in 5's and also practising finding 1 more than a given number with a quicker recall. In Phonics we have continued to practise the phase 2 and phase 3 sounds and reading and writing sentences using sound knowledge.

Year 1: This week the children have been ordering numbers by identifying the tens and ones, counting in 2's and investigating greater than, less than and equal too for Maths. In English the children have continued to focus on the text 'Harry and the Bucketful of dinosaurs. They have been writing questions for the characters, describing the characters and objects from the story. The children have also had the opportunity to learn about the Royal family and do a range of Art/DT linked activities to celebrate the birth of the royal baby. In Computing the children have been researching facts about dinosaurs.

Year 2: This week the children have planted some grass heads! They designed a face and created a cover for their pot in D.T. In Science they planted grass seeds in their own face pot and are looking forward to seeing the 'hair' grow! In Maths we have been revising all the areas we have covered this year. In English we have been working on writing and comprehension. We begin the Year 2 SATs shortly, from Thursday 16th May, with Spelling and Maths arithmetic. The following week they will be taking the Maths reasoning paper and 2 Reading comprehension papers. The SATs, although important, are not a reason for worry or pressure. Over the year the children have been well prepared and are ready to show off everything they have learnt. Please do not spend lots of time doing past papers at home, instead just reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about, they just need to try their best.

Year 3: This week the children have been continuing our learning of fractions and comparing equivalent fractions. In English, we are excited to start our 'myth' story plans. We have combined our geographical skills and ICT skills this week in Topic by locating where Early Islamic Civilisation began on maps and researching facts about this location. In PE, we have started learning skills for rounders with enthusiasm and look forward to another year group competition this term!

Year 4: This week, the children will be moving onto money in their learning for Maths. In English, the children will be planning and writing their stories based on an Edwardian setting. In Science some classes will continue to identify types of teeth while some will be looking into the best way to look after teeth. Please remind children to log onto 'Reading Plus' regularly to improve their reading and comprehension skills!

Year 5: In Science, we are learning about plants and how they reproduce - we are looking at a variety of plants and will try to grow new Geraniums by taking cuttings. PSHE lessons are focusing on how we manage uncomfortable feelings and where we can go for help for these and other problems. In Spanish, we are learning vocabulary to do with all types of weather - given the variable weather we are experiencing at the moment, we have lots of examples! In between rain showers, children are enjoying their outdoor cricket lessons!

Year 6: Year 6 have been working extremely hard in this final week before SATs. Students have been engaging in critically reflective discussions and reviewing their current knowledge and understanding. The teachers have provided opportunities for students to practice areas of learning where confidence is lacking and allow time for misconceptions to be addressed. In PSHE, we have been promoting a positive attitude towards testing and discussing good practices to prepare our minds, bodies and spirit for the upcoming week. They have been equipped with the right skills and techniques that will demonstrate their full capabilities and potential – they are ready!

### Notices:

Parents, please remember that there is a great deal of useful information on the school website [www.alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk). In the parents' section we have put a link to Hounslow FSD website. Here there is information about services and support available for families in Hounslow

Please find attached our Term and Holiday Dates for 2019/2020.

### School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.86%.

Congratulations to 3H and 6F for 100% attendance.

School attendance for the week was over 97%.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



### Key Dates for the term:

#### 23rd April Summer Term Begins

25th April Year 6 World War 2 Workshop  
2nd May Year 5 Maya Workshop  
10th May Yellow Class Assembly  
13th May - 16th May SATs Week for Year 6  
20th May Walk to School Week  
21st May Year 6 Stixx Project  
22nd May Year 6 Stixx Project  
**23rd May Polling Day - School Closed for pupils**  
**24th May INSET – School Closed for pupils**  
27th May – 31st May Half Term  
3rd June Class Photos  
7th June Blue Class Assembly  
10th June – 14th June Year 6 Residential Trip

13th June Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens  
14th June 2M Class Assembly  
20th June Year 6 Outside Chance Workshop  
21st June Red Class Assembly  
25th June Year 6 Hounslow Citizenship Scheme  
26th June Year 6 End of Year trip  
28th June Summer Fayre  
2nd July Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day  
9th July Year 6 End of Year Concert (evening)  
10th July Year 6 End of Year Concert (am)  
11th July Parents Meetings  
18th July Year 6 Graduation  
19th July Last day of the Summer Term  
**School Closes at 1:30pm - No aftercare**

Attached are next year term dates and holiday planner, both of which can be found on the website.





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Term and Holiday Dates  
2019-2020

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2019</b>		
Inset Day 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Closed
First Day of Term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Open
<b>Half Term Break</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Return to School	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Open
Last Day of Term	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>school closes at 1.30pm</b>	Open
<b>Christmas Break – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>Closed</b>
<b>SPRING TERM 2020</b>		
First Day of Term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Open
Inset Day 2	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Closed
<b>Half Term Break</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Return to School	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Open
Last Day of Term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - <b>school closes 1.30pm</b>	Open
<b>Spring Holiday Break – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>Closed</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM 2020</b>		
First Day of Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Open
May Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Closed
Inset Day 3/Polling Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Half Term Break</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Return to School	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Open
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July - <b>school closes at 1.30pm</b>	Open
Inset Day 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Closed
Inset Day 5	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Closed
<b>There is no Extended Day Care in the afternoon on the last day of each term when school closes at 1.30pm</b>		



# Alexandra Primary School Planner 2019-2020

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5	INSET Days							Year 6 SATs							Year 6 School Journey							Y6 End of Year Concert					
	Holidays							Parents Meetings							Y2 Nativity							Y6 Graduation					
	Public Holidays							School Photos							Winter Disco						*	Clocks Change back					
	Summer Fayre							Year 5 School Journey							Y6 Secondary Transfer Day							Clocks change forwards					
	Diwali – begins / ends							Ramadan – begins (approx.)							Eid – (approx.)							Chinese New Year					
	Christian Orthodox Christmas							Christmas Jumper / lunch day							Rosh Hashanah							Holi					