

Thought for the Day:

“Worry is a total waste of time. It doesn't change anything. All it does is steal your joy and keep you busy doing nothing.”

Question of the Week:

Would you rather live without your television or your bed?

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another incredibly busy term. The children have worked very hard and achieved a great deal. This can be seen in their work in books and across the displays around the school. Children have developed their knowledge, skills and understanding across the curriculum through many enjoyable and fun activities based around our class texts. Please ask the children about what they have been learning about this term during the holidays.

Nursery: The children are finishing their Bear topic by focusing on Snow Bears by Martin Waddel. We are reinforcing the language of size through the different sized bears and introducing the vocabulary associated with Winter. The home corner has become very festive with children decorating the Christmas tree, wrapping presents and writing Christmas cards. In Maths we are counting objects and comparing quantities using the language more, less and the same. Children have been learning the words and actions for our Early Years Christmas Sing Along songs we hope you can attend and join in with the festive fun.

Reception: As part of our topic on Journeys Reception have been learning about Australia. We have looked at the many different animals that live in Australia, we have listened to the didgeridoo and decorated boomerangs in the aboriginal style of art. We have enjoyed working on our focus book, 'Wombat Stew'. In Phonics we have recapped our phase 3 sounds learned so far and introduced the tricky word 'she'. In Maths our focus has been on finding 1 less than a given number and exploring different strategies to work out the answer if we could not directly recall the answer.

Year 1: This week the children have been learning about Poetry for English. The focus poem has been 'There are the hands' by Micheal Rosen. The children have performed the poem with their own actions! The children then went on to create their own poems linked to other jobs. For Maths this week, the children have been going over a range of different problems using the skills they have learned so far this year and showing their working out using various different ways, such as; using a number line, pictorial representations, tens frames, counters and so on. For Art this week the children have been exploring the work of 'Andy Goldsworthy' and created their own nature sculptures! The children have been learning about the Christmas Story for RE.

Year 2: We are incredibly proud of all of the children in Year 2. They have done a fantastic job learning multiple lines, dance routines and songs for their nativity performance. It was celestial, darlings! Aside from that show we have thoroughly enjoyed writing our own Paddington Bear stories where we changed the location to Buckingham Palace. The children were very excited for Paddington to meet the Queen! We have been learning about lots of important landmarks across the whole of London and the children were very enthusiastic about visiting some of these. Also, we have been learning about the money system and applying our knowledge of coins to help us find change in a variety of practical activities. Please try to provide an opportunity for the children to practice this skill further in your local shops.

Year 3: This week we have been identifying the features of non-fiction texts and using the features in their own work to prepare them for their own whole class non-fiction book! In ICT children have used research skills to find out information on their chose sea creatures to help them create their class non-chronological report. In Science, we have identified the names of bones within our human skeleton. We have also compared the similarities and differences between human and animal's skeletons. In Geography, we have developed our map skills by using a compass and using directional language. In preparation for our inter year group basketball competition the children have been practising passing, teamwork and dribbling skills. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed watching the production of 'Wind in the Willows' by Hobgoblin theatre company, the children were entertained and engaged throughout!

Year 4: In Maths, we have been exploring what happens to numbers when we multiply or divide them by 10 and 100. This has helped us to consolidate our learning about place value as well as to solve real-world problems about converting units of measurement. In our 'Frozen Kingdom' Topic, we have been using our researching skills as well as our English skills to create an explanation text about the amazing phenomenon called Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). In RE, we have continued learning more about Advent and some of the traditions around the world related to this pre-Christmas season. In Science, we have begun investigating the different types of teeth and their functions as well as exploring how to keep our teeth healthy.

Year 5: Children continue to make a lot of effort with their learning as we move towards the end of our first term. In Maths, they have been learning about how to find the area and perimeter of regular, compound and irregular shapes. In Science, they have completed their study of the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians and insects, with a look at the life cycle of birds. Taking on the role of TV wildlife presenters, they have prepared scripts explaining the similarities and differences and performed these to their class 'audience.' In Art, they have been using pastels to explore light and shade in creating winter scenes.

Year 6: We were fortunate enough to visit the Houses of Parliament – a very informative and engaging trip. Students learnt all about the House of Commons and the House of Lords; discovering all the different rules and regulations that must be followed. The children also learnt all about various campaigns and what they can do to get involved, such as protests, petitions and campaign buses. We also began looking into coordinates and translations of shapes in Maths and continued our learning of human intervention in Science. In Topic, we learnt all about sickness and health during the Victorian era to write a diary entry from the perspective of a patient during this time or the famous Victorian nurse, Florence Nightingale.

Notices:

Many thanks for all the contributions for Children in Need. The school raised over £639 for children in need. This is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to all who contributed.



The Mayor of Hounslow presenting children with our Beat the Street certificate at Hounslow House for coming second. We also received £100 of book tokens.

Thank you to all for your donations for Christmas Jumper day, we raised over £650 for Save the children, which is an amazing achievement.

We would like to wish all our families a lovely and restful Christmas break from all the staff at Alexandra Primary School.

Key Dates for the term:

3rd December	Year 6 Parliament trip
5th December	London Burning Workshop Year 2
6th December	5F Class assembly
10th December	KS2 Pantomime
12th December	School Closed - Polling Day
13th December	Year 2 Nativity
17th December	Christmas Dinner / Nursery Sing Along/ Last day of the Autumn Term/
19th December	School closes at 1.30pm (No aftercare)

20th December - 3rd January Christmas Break
The Spring Term begins on Monday 6th January 2020

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.35%.
 Congratulations to all the children who have achieved 100% recently.
 Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



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Drop in Schedule:-
December 2019: Friday 2:00pm - 4:00pm
January to March 2020: Thursday 10:00am - 12:00pm