

Aslacton Primary School: Eagle class

Autumn term planning 2017 - Information for parents

Eagle class overview

Our key texts this term are:

Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo (Topic: Islands)

Christmas stories – Various authors (Topic: Christmas stories from other cultures)

<i>Areas of learning</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>How learning can be supported at home</i>
English	Many of our reading, writing, Big Write and speaking and listening lessons will focus around our key text. As writers and readers, we will be writing: Balanced arguments, diary entries, newspaper articles, letters, narratives, essays, book reviews, character descriptions, setting descriptions and poetry. In addition, we will regularly complete reading comprehension tasks. We will also be learning spelling strategies, grammar and punctuation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to your child read daily.</li> <li>• Support your child with weekly homework tasks.</li> <li>• Discuss the meanings of unfamiliar words.</li> </ul>
Maths	In addition to our daily maths lessons, the children regularly do arithmetic challenges and mental maths. As mathematicians, we will be learning about: fractions, decimals and percentages, adding and subtracting methods, Roman numerals, reading, writing and ordering numbers, rounding, coordinates, translation and reflection, angles, shape, enlargement, statistics, units of measure and measuring and converting units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help your child learn their times tables up to 12 x 12.</li> <li>• Support your child with weekly homework tasks.</li> <li>• Ensure that your child can tell the time to the nearest minute.</li> </ul>
Science	<p><u>Evolution and Adaptation</u> Our focus will be on The Galapagos Islands in South America. We will be classifying plants and animals and learning about how they are adapted to their environments.</p> <p><u>Electricity</u> During the second half term, we will be learning about electricity and electric appliances. We will be building different</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss any animals and plants you have at home and how they are adapted to their natural environment.</li> <li>• Encourage asking scientific questions and carrying out research to answer the questions.</li> </ul>

	types of electric circuits and learning about insulators and conductors.	
Geography and History	<p><u>Geography - Islands</u> We will be learning about different islands and planning visits to the Galapagos Islands.</p> <p><u>History – The Roman Empire and Boudica</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage children to carry out research at home.</li> <li>• Discuss with children what they have learnt at school.</li> </ul>
Social, Moral, spiritual and cultural	<p><b>Social</b> - collaborative work in our Children's Voice Groups. <b>Moral</b> – Learning about following rules and helping others. <b>Spiritual</b> – Learning from others' beliefs and appreciating how lucky we are to be able to stand up for what we believe in. <b>Cultural</b> – Learning from other cultures and how they celebrate special events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask children what was discussed during their Children's Voice sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.</li> <li>• Discuss issues in the news.</li> </ul>
R.E.	<p><u>Am I always right? (first half term)</u> We will be exploring and learning about: if our school rules are fair; the rules of different religions; why there is conflict in the world; the Holocaust; moral choices and explaining what we stand up for and why.</p> <p><u>Celebrations - Diwali and Christmas (second half term)</u> We will be exploring and learning about: our own celebrations; Hinduism and Sikhism; Diwali stories and why it is important for communities to celebrate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about the rules in your home.</li> <li>• Talk about your beliefs and values at home.</li> <li>• Talk about celebrations in your family.</li> </ul>
Computing	We will look at online safety during our Stay Safe Weeks then after half term we will be having a computing week where we will be learning about coding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage children to use DB Primary at home and ask them to show you the activities that they are doing.</li> <li>• Discuss online safety regularly.</li> </ul>
Art/D.T.	<p><u>First half term</u> We will be researching techniques for creating our own islands; making a detailed plan; creating an island using paper mache, evaluating and improving our islands.</p> <p><u>Second half term</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss how certain painting make you feel.</li> <li>• Learn to thread a needle and sew a simple running stitch.</li> </ul>

	We will be experimenting with painting in the style of Van Gogh; mixing colours and creating mood in our paintings. For Christmas, we will be sewing and working with clay.	
Music	We will be learning to sing in harmony and learning to sing in rounds. We will also evaluate our music and suggest improvements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for the different singing parts in a song.</li> </ul>
P.E.	<u>First half term</u> Sports coach Moving and travelling Attacking and defending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular physical activities like walking, cycling and playing in the garden.</li> <li>• Developing water safety skills to help children become strong swimmers.</li> </ul>