

Aslacton Primary school
Curriculum overview – Kestrel class
Autumn Term 2018



This should be read alongside the end of year expectations for each year group which are available on our school website.

Subject	We will be learning	How you can help
English	Our core story for the first half term is <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> by Richard Walker and Niamh Sharkey. For the second half term we are going to base our work on <i>Katie and the Starry Night</i> and <i>Katie's London Christmas</i> by James Mayhew. Through our work on these books and in our Big Write sessions we will be using correct punctuation – capital letters, full stops and commas. We will be writing stories, diary entries, explanation texts and poetry. We will learn about new spelling strategies and participate in guided reading sessions. We will also focus on handwriting and how best to present our work.	Share books with your child. Discuss the characters, setting etc. and see if you can spot punctuation or interesting adjectives. Talk about the structures of the stories you read at home; what happens at the beginning, the middle or the end? Who are the main characters? How would you describe them? What was their favourite part of the story and why? Encourage them to present their homework neatly, writing on the lines and using pencil unless they have a pen licence. Read daily and record your child's reading in their reading record book.
Maths	In maths we will be learning about place value and recognising the value of digits in numbers up to four digits. We will be comparing and ordering numbers, and identifying missing numbers in a sequence. We will then move onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	Practise times tables and number bonds (pairs of numbers) to ten, twenty and one hundred.
Science	For the first half term we will be learning about plants. We will investigate what plants need to grow well by working in groups to plan and carry out experiments. We will also be able to describe the main features of flowering plants and explain their jobs. Our topic for the second half term is light. We will be investigating how shadows are formed and how they can be made larger/smaller, darker/lighter. We will also investigate which materials create the best shadow and have an understanding of the key terms; transparent, translucent and opaque. We will be able to explain how we see light and how light travels.	There are lots of games and activities to help children learn more about science on the BBC Bitesize website: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/ We always recommend that children only go online when supervised by an adult.
Computing	This term we will start by recapping how to stay safe online. We will be learning about the different ways we can use software to present our work, and will be exploring how to send emails through DB Primary.	We will use our VLE, DB Primary, in class and at home. This has lots of computing games and activities which consolidate what we have learnt in class.
Geography and History	For the first half term we will be learning all about castles. We will find out about the features of castles; why they were built, who lived in them and what happened when they were under attack. Throughout the second half term we will be learning about the history of art work painted by Vincent Van Gogh. We will go on to learn about significant London landmarks.	The DK findout website is a great resource; it has lots of information on a range of topics and is very easy to use: https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/ If you get the opportunity you could visit a local castle such as Norwich, Framlingham or Caister.

Art, Music and Design Technology	We will be creating our own versions of the Castle and Sun painting by Paul Klee. We will also be designing our own castles. We will spend lots of time throughout the term working on our sketching, painting and colour mixing skills.	Provide opportunities to be creative at home. There are lots of art quizzes, games and activity ideas on the TATE Kids website: https://www.tate.org.uk/kids
RE	In RE we will be exploring worship and what it means for different religions. For the second half term we will find out how Christmas is celebrated around the world.	Encourage your child to talk about their RE work in school.
PE	In PE our theme for the term is sending and receiving. We will focus on developing coordination, technique and control through multi-skills and a range of team sports.	Encourage regular physical activities like walking, cycling and playing in the garden.
SMSEC/ PATHS	In PATHS we will discuss the importance of kindness and how we can care for one another.	Talk to your child about what they have discussed in PATHS and Children's Voice sessions.
French	Our topic in French is 'All About Me'. We will spend some time learning how to talk about our likes and dislikes, our birthdays and our families.	Encourage your child to practise what they have learnt in French. There are lots of useful video clips, songs and activities on: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/