

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



8th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back-I hope you had a good Summer holiday. Over the next six weeks' class 1 will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme `London`.

In this way we believe that the children will gain a greater understanding of the world around us and why learning is important to us all if we are to become responsible and independent learners.

If children understand why they need to learn something and see its relevance to their own lives not only will they actively enjoy their learning but also they will achieve higher standards in their work than if they see no point in their learning.

Each theme is based around the specific National Curriculum (NC) Skills that are needed to be mastered by our children and during this six-week theme of *London*, we will be covering the NC Skills listed in *History, Geography and Science*. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<i>History</i>	<i>During this term, we will be researching the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at timelines, significant people of the time, such as Samuel Pepys and making Tudor houses.</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>In geography, we will be learning looking at our local area and learn which countries make up the UK, including surrounding seas.</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>In Science, we will be learning about materials. We will be learning what names of materials and identify the material an object is made from.</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>In RE, we will be talking and sharing our ideas of who is special to us. Also, how we can make others feel special during times of celebration. Our Christian value this term will be generosity.</i>

Every child will experience a variety of different ways of learning including reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, illustrating, working independently and working collaboratively and their progress towards the NC Skills will be continually assessed again in a variety of ways. Teaching it this way, will not only help the children see the relevance of the learning, actively enjoy it but also inspire them achieve higher standards in their work. If anyone has related skills, resources, experience and knowledge they are willing to share please let me know as soon as possible, as the more information and support that your child has, the more successful their learning will be.

Homework: As you know here at Orsett we always encourage our children to continue their learning outside of school. We do expect that all children will read daily and will learn the relevant spelling and time tables for the year group. We also will be working with the children over the next week to agree their Extended Homework expectations and these will be sent out to you on **Monday 11th September** so that you are aware of the areas that your child will be working towards at home and also the agreed deadlines.

Other Info: Our PE sessions will be on **Monday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that your child(ren) has appropriate clothing for outside sessions. **If they wear trainers for PE they must be non-marking and black, and they can only be worn if the children change into them for PE.**

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Yours sincerely

Ms Gosling – Class Teacher