

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all had a great break over the summer and enjoyed yourselves. I'm really looking forward to the year we have ahead of us. This half term, Year 3 will be studying World War II. I have chosen this theme because of its importance in British history, but also because we know the children will really enjoy learning about the differences between then and now - *what did they do without iPads and Playstations?*

We are hoping to look at historical figures and events such as when the war began, The Blitz, Anne Frank, and Winston Churchill. However, we will also be studying how the war affected everyday people of this time with changes such as food and clothes rationing and children being evacuated to the countryside. Here is a brief outline of the areas we will be covering for each of the subjects:

<i>Geography</i>	We'll be researching what countries were involved and how the war began. We will also be looking at where the bombings took place using atlases.
<i>Music</i>	All the learning is focused around one song: Let Your Spirit Fly, an R&B song written for children.
<i>ICT / Computing</i>	We will learning how to use the internet effectively in order to research information about World War 2 as well as, learning how to keep safe on the internet using the SMART rules
<i>Science</i>	We will be learning about animals including humans. We will learn about what makes up a healthy diet, the different types of skeletons and will learn the names and function of major bones and muscles.
<i>French</i>	We will be learning the numbers 0-10 as well as formal and informal greetings.
<i>Art & Design</i>	We will study the life and work of Lowry as well as creating our own 'Grow Your Own' and 'Dig For Victory' posters.
<i>Design Technology</i>	We are planning to make our own ration book. We will then be cooking and learning how to follow wartime recipes.
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	Our Christian Value this half term is 'generosity'. We will learn about how to make and keep good relationships. We will also use the NSPCC underwear rule resources to consider acceptable and unacceptable physical contact.
<i>Physical Education</i>	This half term we will be doing Gymnastics – stretching and curling and Ball Invasion Games

Please note that history has a strong link with our whole theme, so this will present throughout our lessons.

Homework: The extended homework information will be sent out to you on **Monday 11th September**, so that you are aware of the expectations and deadlines agreed. As you are already aware, we always encourage children to continue their learning outside of school. We do expect every child to read daily and learn their spellings and times tables up to x12 with a specific focus on the x3, x4 and x8 times tables.

Please note that our PE lessons will be every **Monday** afternoon and **Wednesday** afternoon so please ensure that your child has their PE kits on these days. **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.**

Finally, if you have any books, poems, photographs or pictures etc. that are related to our theme, and you're willing to share them with our class, please let me know as soon as possible. This would be a great advantage to the children's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Partridge
Class Teacher