

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 4!! I hope you had an amazing summer and a well-deserved break. I'm really looking forward to working with you all this year! For this half term, the children have voted for their theme and chosen 'Musicals!' There's so much to learn about and I'm sure that they are going to enjoy learning the different songs and dances, designing their own advertisements, as well as building their own shadow puppet theatres.

By the end of their first half term, every child will have a better understanding of the structure of songs and have a better knowledge of the creative subjects such as music, art, design and technology and PSHE. By learning a theme in this way, we believe that every child benefits and gains skills that help them to understand the world that they live in. I know that you are keen to support your child throughout their learning and would ask you to talk to them about their learning and our theme.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning:

<b>Music</b>	In Music, we will be learning a range of different, well-known songs from musicals where the children will learn to sing confidently and expressively with good breath control and pronunciation. The children will also be learning to improvise to a given beat.
<b>ICT / Computing</b>	ICT will help the children to design their own musical programs and understand more about the information that they can research on the internet. We will also be design front covers for their LOTS books and having a better understanding of how to stay safe on the internet.
<b>Science</b>	We will be looking at electricity, which will work alongside DT.
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	In DT, we will be making our own shadow puppet theatres. This is something that the children will lead themselves, improving their problem-solving skills and knowing what it is to work as part of a team.
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	In art, we will be looking at different ways to entice an audience to see a show through adverts. We will be looking at the different techniques and materials that we can use to achieve this.
<b>R.E., PSHE &amp; Citizenship</b>	This half term, we will be focussing on God's promise to his people, harvest, the creation of the world and our school Christian value, 'Generosity'. We will also be learning about having a growth mindset when it comes to new challenges and how this can help us overcome problems.

**Homework:** As you probably 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 ready for their tests. We will also be discussing the children's extended homework this week and this information will be sent out to you on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**, so that you are aware of the expectations and deadlines agreed.

**Please note** that our PE lessons will be every **Tuesday** and **Friday**, 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, please could you provide your child with a small box (about the size of a shoe box), towards the beginning of the theme, in order for them to design their shadow puppet theatre. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S L Dow  
Class Teacher