

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new year, I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. I am very much looking forward to being with your children and over the next seven weeks our class will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme '**Food around the world**'. It is based around the specific National Curriculum (NC) Skills that are needed to be mastered by our children.

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, they will actively enjoy their learning and, therefore, they will achieve higher standards in their work.

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

<i>Geography</i>	<i>Trade and food from around the world</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Properties and changes of materials – (skills taught separately)</i>
<i>Design technology</i>	<i>Food from different countries</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>Games and gymnastics</i>
<i>Computing</i>	<i>Researching trade from different countries; Package design</i>
<i>French</i>	<i>Food and eating habits in France</i>
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	<i>Healthy lifestyles and keeping safe</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.

I know that as parents you are keen to support your child in their learning and would ask that you talk to your child about what they are learning during this theme – let them teach you! 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, September 11th** so that you are aware of the areas that your child will be working towards at home and also the agreed deadlines.

Other Info: Please note that PE lessons will be on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**, so ensure that your child has the appropriate uniform in school. **If your child wears trainers for PE they must be non-marking and black, and they can only be worn if the children change into them for PE.**

I would like to thank you for your support with your children's learning - it really does make a difference. If anyone has any questions as to how to help your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lucas
Class Teacher