

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents,

All the staff of Year 6 hope you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to the new school year. We would like to welcome everyone and are sure that you are looking forward to a challenging but fun-packed year. It will be tough at times but we are all here to support the children so please let us know if there is anything we can do or any questions you may have.

Our LOTS theme this term will be 'Food Around the World'. We will start with the UK and Europe and see where our fancy takes us. This will also tie in well to the whole school Culture week where each class will be looking at a different country. This will engage the children and act as a splendid catalyst to their learning.

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

<i>Scientific Enquiry</i>	Skills taught separately – Light and how we see
<i>ICT</i>	Research and presentation of data Computer safety
<i>Geography</i>	UK, Europe and food around the world (including map work, climates, land use for farming)
<i>French</i>	Vocabulary for clothing and food Conversation
<i>History</i>	A contrasting culture (possibly Native American Indians) and its food
<i>Art & Design</i>	Study and replicate pictures from other cultures
<i>Design Technology</i>	Food preparation and cooking
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	Healthy Relationships – feelings and emotions
<i>PE</i>	Gymnastics and ball skills (Hockey)

We are also hoping to incorporate a trip to a well-known restaurant in order to give the children an idea of how food is prepared and cooked on a larger scale. Details to follow.

Teaching the National Curriculum in this way will not only help the children see the relevance of the learning whilst actively enjoy it, but also inspire them to achieve higher standards in their work. If anyone has related skills, resources, experience and knowledge that they are willing to share please let us 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: Our PE sessions will be on **Wednesday** 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.**

We would like to thank you all for your support with your children's learning - it really does make a difference. Please let us know if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Richardson
Class Teacher