

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Orsett School. I hope you had a good summer, and the excitement, for your child, to start school continues throughout the term ☺. Over the next 7 weeks our class will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme **All about us**.

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 child interest and linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage.
Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

Literacy	Reading stories as a class and predicting what will happen next. Retelling stories in role play. Sequencing stories
Maths	Counting to 10 and back. Recognising numbers 1-10. Ordering numbers to 10
Understanding the world	Looking at differences in families/people Looking at what makes people different
Expressive arts and design	Drawing a picture of someone special to them Making of a pig or wolf mask

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 EYFS Early Learning Goals 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!

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 **Friday, September 8th** 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 **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, so ensure that your child has the appropriate uniform in school. **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.**

I would like to thank you all 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

Mr Foster
Class Teacher