

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Monday 30th October 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term! I hope you have had a fantastic break and are looking forward to the next half term. Year 5 LOTS theme this half term will be '**Pirates**'. 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>History</i>	<i>Famous pirates e.g. Blackbeard; Life on board ships; Life as a pirate</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Forces – (skills taught separately)</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Hokusai's Great Wave</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>Games and dance</i>
<i>Computing</i>	<i>Researching volcanoes and famous pirates</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>Tropical storms, volcanoes, tsunamis – What are they? How are people, communities and landscapes affected?</i>
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	<i>Keeping safe; feelings and emotions.</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 **Friday, November 3rd** 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