

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Monday 30th October 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to the next half term. The Year 6 LOTs theme this term will be 'Pirates'. We will explore the history surrounding pirates and some of the more famous characters. In addition, we will be studying texts on pirates, including 'Treasure Island' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. We hope that this will engage the children and act as a catalyst to their learning.

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

<i>Scientific Enquiry</i>	Skills taught separately – Electricity
<i>ICT</i>	Research Spreadsheet Stocks and shares
<i>Geography</i>	Map work - pirates
<i>History</i>	History of pirates
<i>Art & Design</i>	Design for a cushion
<i>Design Technology</i>	Make a cushion with a Pirate theme
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	Health and Wellbeing – Growing and Changing and Keeping Safe
<i>RE</i>	Saints. Incarnation
<i>PE</i>	Dance and netball skills
<i>Music</i>	Play and perform using instruments and voices

We aim to encourage the children to enjoy and actively take part in their own learning. We would therefore like to encourage them to read 'Treasure Island' or other pirate-themed quality books. This will be our class book this half term.

If anyone does not agree to the children watching the first Pirates of the Caribbean DVD (12 year and over), please would you contact me. Otherwise we will use parts of the film as writing stimuli.

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.

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