

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 5th January

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you had a great Christmas! Our theme this half term will be 'Myths and Legends' which will combine our writing in English with Design & Technology. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at a range of myths and legends from different cultures and using this learning to write our own myth. We will then look carefully at Pop Up books to understand how they work including how levers are used to create moving books. We will then combine this learning to create a Pop Up book of the myth we have written. So that you have a better idea of what we will be doing, here is a brief outline of the areas we will be covering for each of the subjects:

<i>Music</i>	All children will continue learning the recorder this term including learning simple songs, reading notes and understanding how to perform alongside others. We will also use a range of instruments to create a performance that enables the listener to imagine the action in myth.
<i>ICT / Computing</i>	We will be learning about how the internet works, looking at how to blog and using the internet to work collaboratively.
<i>Science</i>	We will learning about forces and magnets using this understanding in our DT project.
<i>French</i>	We will be developing our conversational skills to introduce ourselves including giving our name, age and where we live.
<i>Art & Design</i>	Our learning will be based around myths and legends and will be combined with D&T to produce Pop Up books.
<i>Design Technology</i>	We will be making moving pictures/books using levers based on myths and legends.
<i>History</i>	We will be considering the authenticity of myths and legends and how they relate to actual historical facts.
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	Our learning will be based around growing and changing through consider change and loss as well as how to keep ourselves safe.
<i>Physical Education</i>	This term we will be swimming as well as outdoor games that include striking and fielding.
<i>Religious Education</i>	We will be continuing our theme of 'incarnation' including looking at the meaning and symbolism of baptism.

Homework: The extended homework information will be sent out to you on **Wednesday 10th January**, so that you are aware of the expectations and deadlines agreed. As you are already aware, we always encourage children to continue their learning outside of school. We do expect every child to read **daily** and learn their spellings and times tables up to x12.

Please note that our swimming sessions (which are statutory) will take place every Monday afternoon. Our in school P.E session will be on a Friday morning, so please ensure that your child has their PE kits on these days including a tracksuit as we will be outdoors (unless it rains!). **If the children 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.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Partridge
Class Teacher