

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for all of the gifts and your generosity – It really is appreciated, so thank you! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed the rest. This half term, we will be looking at our new theme that the children have chosen and voted for; **'Vile Villains'**. Within this theme, we will be looking at different historical figures, where they were from and what sort of villainous things they did.

By the end of the half term, every child will have experienced different learning methods. They will have worked individually, with and partner and as part of a team or group to improve their problem solving and social skills.

Below is a brief outline of the subjects and what we will be covering:

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| <b>Science</b>                | The next topic in science will be 'States of matter' and knowing how liquids, solids and gases are produced.                                     |
| <b>History</b>                | We will be looking at different historical villains from different eras in time.   |
| <b>Geography</b>              | We will be learning about the different places that the villains came from and more about the world we live in, such as continents.              |
| <b>ICT / Computing</b>        | We will continue with both our de-bugging work and our e-safety lessons, making sure we know how to stay safe online and knowing its importance. |
| <b>PE</b>                     | We will be moving onto 'Dance' (to be taught by Mrs Hughes) & 'Striking and fielding' games with Miss Dow  |
| <b>Art</b>                    | To study the techniques of well-known artists and architects. We will also be looking at how art has changed through the decades.                |
| <b>PSHE &amp; Citizenship</b> | We will be moving onto 'Growing & Changing' and 'Keeping safe'.  |
| <b>RE</b>                     | Incarnation  |

By learning in this multi-learning approach, we believe that every child benefits and gains skills that help them to understand the world that they live in, I know that you are keen to support your child throughout their learning and would ask you to talk to them about what we are moving onto in school.

**Homework:** 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 times tables and spellings from the list given out. We will also be discussing the children's next extended homework and this information will be sent out on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**, so that you are aware of the expectations and deadlines agreed.

**Other Info:** Please note that PE lessons have changed and will now be every **Wednesday and Friday**, so please ensure that your child has their PE kits on these days. **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.**

Finally, if you have any books, maps, photographs or pictures etc. that are related to our theme, and you're willing to share them with our class, please let me know as soon as possible. This would be a great advantage to the children's learning.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another fantastic theme!

Yours sincerely,

Miss S L Dow  
Class Teacher