

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Wednesday 21st February 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back-I hope you had a good half-term holiday. Over the next six weeks' class 1 will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme 'Animals'.

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 the specific National Curriculum (NC) Skills that are needed to be mastered by our children and during the next five weeks theme of *Animals*, we will be covering the NC Skills listed in *History, Geography and Science*. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<i>History</i>	<i>During this term, we will be researching the lives of two significant individuals from the past, Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>In geography, we will be looking maps, including aerial photographs to identify landmarks and physical features (farms, zoos, rivers)</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>In Science, we will continue learn about plants. We will be growing watercress and record what happens over time. Also, we will be identifying and naming common animals, including common herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We hope to visit Southend Sea life Centre to further your child's knowledge of seas creatures.</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!

I would be very grateful if you could spend some time researching with your child/ren and if anyone has relevant items or experience and knowledge 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.

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

Ms Gosling – Class Teacher