

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break-Year 2's LOTs theme this half term will be 'Animal Kingdom'. We will be identifying and describing a variety of animals. We will think about why some animals can live in oceans and others can't, as well as finding out about habitats in familiar local areas, such as woodlands or ponds, before looking further afield from the seaside to the Sahara! Our learning will take us through the specific National Curriculum (NC) skills that needed to be mastered by the children.

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

<i>Scientific Enquiry</i>	Habitat
<i>ICT</i>	You've Got Mail! (2)
<i>History</i>	Can you identify, name & compare variety of animals?
<i>Geography</i>	Location of different animals – how are they suited to it?
<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	Animal artwork
<i>PE</i>	Games Gymnastics
<i>PSHE &amp; Citizenship</i>	Feelings & Emotions
<i>Christian Value</i>	Courage

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. Teaching it this way, will not only help the children see the relevance of the learning, actively enjoy it but also inspire them achieve higher standards in their work. 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.

To enhance the children's learning, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a school trip to the SeaLife Adventure, Southend. Details of this will be sent to you later.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> February** so that you are aware of the areas that your child will be working towards at home and also the agreed deadlines.*

**Other Info:** Our PE sessions will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child(ren) has appropriate clothing for outside sessions. **If they 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.**

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Olajide  
Class Teacher