

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you had a lovely half term break! After speaking to the children and looking at the requirements of the Year 3 curriculum, we have decided that our theme this half term will be 'Rainforests' which will have a major focus on art and geography. 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 be composing some of our songs using the theme of 'zootime.'
<i>ICT / Computing</i>	We will be extending our learning about coding by developing simple games, animations and puzzles.
<i>Science</i>	We will continue learning about forces and magnets and will be carrying out experiments to look at the properties and uses of magnets.
<i>French</i>	We will be developing our conversational skills to introduce ourselves including giving our name, age and where we live. We will also be looking how Easter is celebrated in France.
<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	Our learning will be based around insects including using a range of different techniques and media. The sessions will include studying the works of the artists Louise Bourgeois and Jennifer Angus.
<i>Design Technology</i>	We will be making shadow puppets of insects as well as creating a 3D junk model.
<i>PSHE &amp; Citizenship</i>	Our Christian Value this half term is 'courage'. We will also be discussing feelings and emotions including learning how to recognise and manage 'dares' and the understanding the nature of consequences of hurtful behaviour and bullying. We will also look at valuing difference including how to listen to and respond respectfully to a wide range of people.
<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 considering the concept of salvation.

**Homework:** The extended homework information will be sent out to you on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 will continue to 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!).

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Partridge  
Class Teacher