

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. This year seems to be flying by! This half term, we have chosen our theme slightly differently to how we normally would. I have chosen to do 'Amazing Animals and their habitats'. As I have chosen this theme for the children, they will have their input in what we learn about and where their learning takes them. I am excited to see what we find out and what we learn in the next few weeks by giving the children a bit more power in the classroom. 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 an outline of the main subjects and what we will be covering. Please note that because the children are choosing where this theme takes us, this is a very brief outline:

<b>Science</b>	We will be focussing a lot on Science during this half term. We will be looking at different types of animals, their living habitats and how they have adapted through time.
<b>ICT / Computing</b>	This half term, the children will be looking at different algorithms. They will also be using the internet to find reliable sources and information on animals and their living habitats. As always, we will also be looking at how to use the internet correctly and staying safe on social media.
<b>PE</b>	We will be working on jumping and travelling in different ways, with a focus on landing safely. We will also begin to explore games outside such as cricket and rounders.
<b>Art</b>	We will continue to look and different designers, artists and architects, building on the children's use of different materials and techniques.
<b>PSHE &amp; Citizenship</b>	We will be moving onto 'Feelings and Emotions' and 'Valuing difference'.

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 to you soon, so that you are aware of the expectations and deadlines agreed.

**Please note** that our PE lessons have changed to Mondays and Thursdays, so please ensure that your child has all of their PE kits on the first day back from half term. **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.**

Finally, if you have any books, maps, photographs or pictures on animals and their habitats etc., 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 am excited to see what we cover this half term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss S L Dow  
Class Teacher