

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Wednesday 18th April 2018

Dear Parents,

It's the start of the Summer Term and Year 2's LOTS theme this half term will be 'Toys'. As everyone loves playtime (even grown-ups!) this theme will allow the children jump feet first into the fun-filled world of toys! They will think about and discuss their favourite toys and then go on to look at what toys were like in the past and how they are different to toys today. They will be introduced to the term 'decade' and will investigate which toys were popular in the five different decades from the 1950s to the 1990s. 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:

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| <i>Scientific Enquiry</i> | Animals and Human Growth |
| <i>ICT</i> | Simple Programming |
| <i>History</i> | Toys: Past and Present Life of Florence Nightingale |
| <i>Geography</i> | Toys in Different Continents |
| <i>Art & Design</i> | Andy Warhol Toy Series |
| <i>PE</i> | Athletics Gymnastics |
| <i>PSHE & Citizenship</i> | Rights and Responsibilities |
| <i>Christian Value</i> | Justice |

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.

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 20th April** 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 **Friday**. 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.**

As part of our study of Florence Nightingale, we will be comparing medical care in the Victorian times and now. 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.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Olajide
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