

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the great weather! Our theme this half term will be 'What have the Romans ever done for us?' which we will link with a study of volcanoes and earthquakes through looking at the city of Pompeii.

<i>Music</i>	Children will create their own simple tunes and accompaniments on the theme of extreme earth by trying to create sounds like earthquakes and volcanoes. You may even hear us at home during these lessons!!
<i>ICT / Computing</i>	We will be developing our understanding of e-safety through considering how children report their concerns about inappropriate content or contact as well as extending our learning of coding
<i>Science</i>	We will be learning about rocks and soils including the different types of rocks and how soils are made.
<i>French</i>	Our topic in French will be days of the week and months of the year. We will link this with our maths sessions about time and the number of days in each month and a year.
<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	This half term our art will be linked closely with our DT in making 3D structures.
<i>Design Technology</i>	We will be learning how to make strong shell structures in order to create a working model of a volcano.
<i>History</i>	During our topic on the Romans, we will be considering the legacy left behind from this period of our history.
<i>Geography</i>	We will be learning to describe and understand keys aspects of earthquakes and volcanoes as well as using field work to look at the geography of our local area.
<i>PSHE &amp; Citizenship</i>	We will be discussing rights and responsibilities including human rights and our responsibilities to the environment.
<i>Physical Education</i>	This term we will be undertaking gymnastics looking at pathways and beginning athletics looking at sprinting, jumping and throwing.
<i>Religious Education</i>	We will be continuing to look at the theme of salvation through the Easter Story.

**Homework:** The extended homework information will be sent out to you on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 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 P.E sessions will be on a Monday Thursday afternoons, so please ensure that your child has their PE kits on these days including a tracksuit as we will be outdoors (unless it rains!). **If the children 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.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Partridge  
Class Teacher