

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last term this academic year, how the time has flown by! This half term, Class 2 will be focusing on the fascinating theme of '**Castles**'. They will learn about the history of medieval castles and the Normans, where castles are built, who lived in castles, the structure of castles, and so much more, all through a variety of fun and creative activities. Perfect as an exciting topic to get all Class 2 little lords, ladies, knights and musicians enthused about learning 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>	Investigations
<i>ICT</i>	Control Facts File
<i>History</i>	Castles and Normans
<i>Geography</i>	Map skills
<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	Bayeaux Art
<i>PE</i>	Athletics Medieval dance
<i>PSHE &amp; Citizenship</i>	Money matters
<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. Our trip to the Leeds Castle has been booked and we are all looking forward to the additional educational experience it will provide. 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.

In addition, on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, you are invited to an extra-curricular activity related to this theme. More details of which will be sent to you later in the term.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> June** 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.**

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Olajide  
Class Teacher