

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Thursday 7th June 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our last half term – I can't quite believe where this year has gone! I am really looking forward to our last topic, 'The City of London'. We will be exploring key events in London's history, the changes and thinking about what makes the city so special.

By the end of the theme, every child would have experienced different learning methods. They will also have worked individually, with a partner and as part of a team or group. This will support their social skills and interaction with their peers.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning:

<i>History</i>	Key events such as the London Plague, the Great Fire of London. As well as eras such as Victorian Britain and WWII.
<i>Geography</i>	To know the difference between urban and rural areas. To understand that London is made up of boroughs. Understand how the docks changed the River Thames and know the changes of the river over time.
<i>ICT / Computing</i>	To create and present a PowerPoint. To create an information booklet (a tour guide book).
<i>Art & Design</i>	London artists study such as L. S. Lowry and David Hockney. Sketching self-portraits and creating multi-media art based on London.
<i>Design Technology</i>	To be able to taste different foods from WWII and prepare an afternoon tea.
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	Research & discuss topical issues

By learning a theme in this way, 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 their learning and our theme.

Homework: As you probably 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 ready for their tests. We will also be discussing the children's extended homework next week and this information will be sent out to you on **Friday 8th June** so that you are aware of the expectations and deadlines agreed.

Please note that our PE lessons will still be every Monday and Thursday, so please ensure that your child has their PE kits and appropriate footwear on these days.

Finally, if you have any books, maps, photographs or pictures etc. that are related to our theme, 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!

Miss S L Dow
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