

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back-I hope you had a good Summer holiday. This half term, Class 1 will be focusing on the fascinating theme of **World Cultures**. They will learn about the world through studying aspects of different cultures and 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:

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING	In science, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be learning about the common names of animals, identifying body parts of animals, including humans and learning the difference between carnivores and herbivores.
ICT	Your child will learn the importance of on-line safety. We will be using the bee bots (robots) by controlling and predicting the behaviour through directional language.
HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING	In geography, we will be learning looking at our local area and learn which countries make up the UK, including surrounding seas. Our English story is based on a village in Africa, so we will be looking where Africa is in relation to the UK.
UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS	In art your child will discuss their thoughts about other people's work, including artists, designers and craftspeople.
UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING	It is important for children to learn about different emotions. This term we will be identifying a range of feelings and how to recognise how others are feeling, especially when interacting on the playground and within class.
RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE	We will be focusing on the area of God/Creation and our Christian value for this half term is friendship.

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.

In addition,

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 **Monday 10th September**, 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 **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child 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,

Ms Gosling
Class Teacher