

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed yourselves in the sunshine. This half term, Class 2 will be focusing on the theme, 'World Cultures'. I have chosen this as the children came up with so many ideas that would fit nicely during transition morning - I have managed to get quite a few of their ideas into the next few weeks! While including specific National Curriculum (NC) skills, the children will be learning about the geographical features of the world, aboriginal artwork, different stories from different cultures and traditional songs and rhymes from other countries.

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

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING	Class 2 will be looking at the World and it's nature, focussing on the life cycle of a plant and its features.
ICT	In ICT, all children will be learning to open and save a written document, as well as how to stay safe online.
HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING	We will be looking at locating the seven continents and five oceans, and expanding our geographical vocabulary (such as coast, ocean, valley, vegetation etc.)
UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS	We'll be looking at traditional art techniques from different cultures. The main focus being aboriginal artwork from Africa.
UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING	During PE lessons, we will be looking at playing basic games with involve tactics and techniques. We will also be learning to throw and catch different objects towards different targets.
RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE	In RE, Class 2 will be learning about 'Friendship', as well as our Christian Virtue, 'Hospitality'.

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, we hope to have a 'World Food Tasting Afternoon', where the children will be given the opportunity to try new foods that they may not have before!

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 2018** 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 **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. 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,

Miss S L Dow
Class Teacher