

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you had an enjoyable six weeks off. This half term, Class 3 will be focusing on the exciting theme of “*Cloudy with a chance of meatballs*”. They will learn about inventors and inventions 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	This half term the children will be learning about nutrition. They will be planning healthy and unhealthy meals for the people who live in the town of “Chew and swallow” to eat.
ICT	There will be a focus on e-safety. We will also be using algorithms and learning to understand how it can help us reach our goal.
HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING	We will be using maps to investigate what is in our local area. If we did not need to have any supermarkets and restaurants, due to it raining food, what would we replace them with?
UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS	Using the mantle of the expert approach, we will be designing machines that will help clear up the food that is left on the streets of the town.
UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING	This half term we will be concentrating on improving our ball invasion games and gymnastics.
RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE	The Christian value this half term is friendship. We will learn about how to make and keep good friendships.

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.

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 **Monday** 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,

Mrs R Lucas
Class Teacher