

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back-I hope you enjoyed the break. This half term, Class 1 will be focusing on the fascinating theme of **Space**. 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 different materials, how to identify materials by name and properties.
ICT	Your child will continue to learn the importance of on-line safety. We will be using the painting program to design a space picture and develop keyboard skills through using word.
HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING	In geography, we will continue to learn the UK countries and capital cities. In History, we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.
UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS	Through creating space pictures your child will investigate and use a range of materials to show my ideas in both 2D and 3D. Also, learn how to adapt and improve their own work.
UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING	It is important for children to learn about types of teasing and bullying. We will be discussing acceptable behaviours and we will be looking at different strategies to manage feelings.
RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE	We will be focusing on the area of incarnation and what does it mean to be Islam? Our Christian value for this half term is Service.

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, on 19th November if there is enough interest, we hope to learn about space in our space dome workshop.

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, 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