

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Tuesday 6th November 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you've had a lovely, rested October break. This half term, we will be exploring our new theme which is 'Destination: Outer Space'! Within this theme, we will be looking at different aspects of space and why it is so fascinating.

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 about:

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING	We will be finishing our work on plants, before moving onto living things and their habitats.
ICT	To research information on the planets and the solar system. We will also be publishing some of our 'alien writing'.
HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING	We will be looking at key space events such as the first moon landing. As well as the astronauts that experienced this. We will also look at the planets and the solar system, as well as the countries that are linked to space travel such as Russia and America.
UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS	We'll be designing and creating leaflets, posters and our own solar systems. We will also be creating exciting space art using chalks and pastels.
UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING	During our PE lessons, we will be looking at dance and making up our own games. In PSHE and P4C, we will be looking at healthy lifestyles and keeping safe. This will link nicely with our e-safety work, as well as a small unit of work on road safety that we will be completing.
RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE	Our Christian Value this half term is 'Compassion'. We will also be learning our agreed syllabus unit of work on Islam and Incarnation.

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 are also hoping to book a 'Space Dome' company that will run a workshop at the school.

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 **Friday 9th November 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: Please note that our PE lessons will be every Wednesday and Friday, so please ensure that your child has their PE kits on these days. **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.**

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 and I look forward to another fantastic theme!

Yours sincerely,

Miss S L Dow