

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Monday 5th November 2018

Dear Parents,

During this half term, Year 4 LOTs theme will be based around the story of the 'Polar Express'. This creative theme will immerse the children in different areas of the National Curriculum as they master the specific skills needed.

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

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING	Sound
ICT	Heroes: creative writing and coding to produce interactive animations
HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING	Where is Finland? Where is Mexico?
UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS	Exploring great architects of our time
UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING	Games Gymnastics Feelings & Emotions
RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE	Judaism, Incarnation & Compassion

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 **Friday 9th November** 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.**
- As previously stated, there will be a 'Space Dome' experience on the **19th November**.
- Later in the term, there will be a Polar Express day, details of which will be sent to you nearer the time.

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Olajide
Class Teacher