

# LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a great Christmas and New Year. Thank you for the gifts we received before the Christmas break. Whilst we do not expect anything as we are simply doing our job, your generosity is much appreciated by us all.

This is probably the most important term in Year 6 and we hope that the children are ready to seize their opportunities and work as hard as they can. We will still make everything as enjoyable as possible though! Class 6 will be following the theme of 'Titanic'. Which will give the children the chance to investigate the history behind the Titanic and her infamous maiden voyage. From finding amongst many other things, the children will learn about a range of history and geography of the local area through the specific National Curriculum (NC) skills that need to be mastered by the children.

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

<b>SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING</b>	Scientific Investigations linking to Materials and Forces
<b>ICT</b>	Database / Programming
<b>HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING</b>	Titanic
<b>UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS</b>	Drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials
<b>UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING</b>	Gymnastics/Games Growing and Changing Keeping Safe
<b>RE/CHRISTIAN VALUE</b>	Incarnation / Perseverance

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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> January** 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 Friday. 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.**

If anyone has related skills, resources, experience and knowledge of this theme that 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.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Olajide  
Class Teacher