

IMPORTANT DATES

Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday 13th September

Curriculum Evening
Thursday 15th September 4:30-6:00pm

Individual Photographs
Friday 16th September AM

PFTA Meeting
Tuesday 27th September

Assessment Week
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October

Harvest Festival
Friday 7th October

PFTA Meeting
Tuesday 11th October

Parents' Evening
Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October

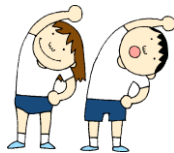
PFTA Halloween Disco
Thursday 20th October **3:15pm – 4:30pm**

Half Term
Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Return to school Tuesday 1st November

P.E. KIT...

PE will be on **THURSDAY**, so please can you ensure that children aren't wearing earrings or that they are able to remove them for themselves. Children will need to have their PE Kit in school **all week**, in case our session has to change. I will ensure that they are sent home on a Friday for a wash. The children will require shorts, t-shirt and trainers.



FOREST SCHOOL – will be continuing on **TUESDAY** mornings, please ensure children have appropriate clothing (long trousers, t-shirt, jumper, waterproof jacket, wellingtons, hats, scarves and gloves) – *Please check the newsletter to see which children are taking part. Please can the children keep their wellingtons under their coat peg.*

Just a reminder...

Please ensure that **all** personal property is clearly named with your child's name, this includes PE and Forest school clothing.

TOYNTON-ALL-SAINTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Chestnuts - Year 1/2
Autumn Term 2016



Class Teacher – Miss Gray
Teaching Assistants– Miss Broadbridge,
Mrs Lound and Mrs Smith

Welcome ...

Welcome to the new academic year. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and are rested for the busy term we have ahead of us.

This year there are lots of exciting opportunities for the children in their learning and we will be inviting you to come and join us, so you can see us learning too.

I hope to get to know you all over the next few weeks and my door is always open! Please feel free to come and find me before or after school, I am always happy to help!



HOMEWORK...

The children will have their own reading book. We ask that you try to read on a daily basis for a minimum for 5 minutes to help to continue the development of their reading ability.

Each child will have 10 weekly spellings, which will be set on the Monday and tested on the Friday. More details about this can be found in the children's spelling book.

At the beginning of the term, the children are set homework projects, which relate to the termly theme. There are four activities that can be chosen from, and at the end of the term the children share their creations with the class.



Our Topic this term is... 'Marvellous Me!'

This topic is focussed on the children and their own lives. It will also allow the children to explore where they live and go to school. It will take us up until Christmas.

Literacy – The children will look at arrange of text types this term. We will begin with fictions books and the stories from the 'Funny Bones' series. They will write their own versions of these books.



Later in the term, the children will write information texts about the human body. We will look at examples and use the features to help us write our own.

At the end of this half term, the children will create shape poems based on themselves and their families.

Maths – Our focus will be number and place value. The children will focus upon recognising, counting, ordering, comparing and working fluently with numbers. This learning will be explored through lots of hands on activities and discussions. This will allow the children to talk about their learning using the correct vocabulary and using the resources to help with this.



You can support your child at home in many ways from number recognition to recall of simple facts (number bonds to 10 and 20). Supporting children in telling the time and recognising coins is also helpful.

Science – Our learning in Science will be focused upon identifying and naming parts of the human body. The children will explore their senses and the parts of our bodies that are used for each sense. In addition, the children will find out about the needs of humans and the importance of exercise and food.



Geography – We will look at our locality and where the children live, using Google Earth. The children will also go for a walk around the village to explore what buildings there are and their uses.

Art – The children will create self-portraits of themselves. These will be created using a range of materials to create different types of images. The children will explore using; sketching, painting and collage.



Computing – The children will use Purple Mash to help them undertake their learning across the curriculum. They will use computers and iPads to do this.

RE – Throughout this half term and the next the children will be focussing on 'The Good Earth'. This will explore the seasonal and harvest festivals of Christianity and other world religions. Also this topic explores the natural world and how we appreciate and give thanks for this.



PSHE – During our PSHE sessions we will focus upon the topic 'Good to be Me'. The children will have regular circle times where we can discuss lots of things openly and encourage group activities. Along with this we will be looking at one of our 6 R's – Respect

Music – The children will think about how they hear sounds and what the sounds mean to them. As well as this, we will make sounds linked to the 'Funny Bones' books using body percussion.

PE – Lessons will be on **THURSDAYS**. The children will be focusing on dance and this will link to their science and literacy work. They will produce a dance based on the song 'Dem Bones'.

WE NEED YOU!

Can you offer any help or support in our class?? We would be very grateful if you could help us with our topic learning this term.

Also, could you listen to some readers? We would love for you to come into our class to listen to some of us read.

If you think you can then please come and see me.

Our next topic: Arctic Adventures.