

## IMPORTANT DATES

**PFTA Meeting**  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**Assessment Week**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**PFTA Disco**  
Date to be confirmed  
at 3:15pm - 4:30pm

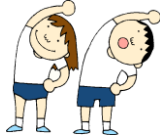
**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
*Return to school Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February*

## P.E. KIT...

PE will now be on **WEDNESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS** 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, joggers, 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



## A curriculum leaflet about...



Chestnuts - Year 1  
Spring Term 2018



**Class Teacher** - Miss Gray  
**Teaching Assistant**- Mrs Coulthard

## Welcome back ...

I hope you had an enjoyable break over Christmas, the children definitely deserved the rest after a busy term. We have lots of exciting learning experiences planned for the children over the next term.



I would like to thank you all for your support over the past term. The time that you give the children with their reading and homework is fantastic - 'thank you'!

Please feel free to continue to come and see me and to communicate via Class Dojo.

## HOMEWORK...

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

Each child will have 5 weekly spellings, which will be set on Monday and tested on Friday. More details about this can be found in the children's spelling books.

The children will also receive a weekly maths activity to complete. This is also set on a Monday and due in a Friday.

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

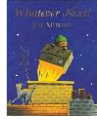


## Our Topic this term is...

### 'Out of this World'

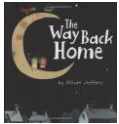
This topic is focussed on significant individuals connected with space. We will learn about Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake. We will explore the planets, space rockets and space food.

**English** - To start the term we will read 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy and create our own adventure story.



Whilst learning about Neil Armstrong, we will create fact pages for our own book. Also we will write a letter to Tim Peake and hope that he responds.

Towards the end of term, we will read 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. Using drama we will create our own stories about finding our way home.



**Maths** - The children will develop their understanding of addition and subtraction. After this, the children will revisit place value and explore numbers up to 50.



They will have opportunities to explore these areas of maths in multiple ways using a range of resources to help them talk about their learning.

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 explore our senses. The children will explore their five senses through hands on experiences.



Linked to our topic we will also look at light and dark; exploring this through nocturnal animals and the story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

**History** - This is our main focus this term. The children will learn about why Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake are important individuals in history.

**DT** - Whilst exploring space, the children will have the opportunity to apply skills learnt earlier in the year to design, make and evaluate their own space rocket.

**Computing** - The children will learn how to use programmes on the computer which they can use independently and Purple Mash.

**RE** - This term our focus religion is 'Judaism'. The children will learn about their main beliefs, where and how Jews worship, special celebrations and what a Rabbi is. We will have a visitor from a synagogue this term.



**PSHE** - Mrs Kirk will be leading this area of the curriculum. This term the children will explore 'Living in the Wider World'. Along with this we will be looking at one of our 6 Rs - Resourcefulness.

**Music** - The children will work in groups to produce space inspired pieces of music, using percussion instruments.

**PE** - Lessons will be on **WEDNESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. The children will be participating in yoga and gymnastics.

### **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: "ROAR!"***