

IMPORTANT DATES

Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 13th September

PFTA Meeting
Wednesday 19th September

Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 21st September

Assessment Week
Monday 1st - Friday 5th October

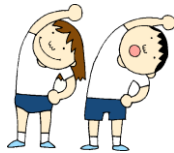
PFTA Halloween Disco
Friday 12th October
Little Acorns, Conkers, Chestnuts and Rowans
2-3pm
Maples and Mighty Oaks
3:15 - 4:30pm

Harvest Festival
Friday 19th October

Half Term
Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October
Return to school Tuesday 30th October

P.E. KIT...

PE will be on **MONDAYS** 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, 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
Autumn Term 2018



Class Teacher - Miss Gray
Trainee Teacher - Mrs Coulthard
Teaching Assistant- Mrs Lound

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 that you can share in our 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 and will choose a library book. We ask that you try to read with them on a daily basis for a minimum of 5 minutes, to help to continue the development of their reading ability.

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

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

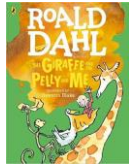
At the beginning of the term, the children are set homework projects, which relate to the termly theme. There are four activities that can be chosen from, and at the end of the term the children share their creations with the class.



Our Topic this term is...

'Awesome Artists'

We will explore the famous French artist Claude Monet. We will use this as a link in our English work also.



English - To start with we will read Roald Dahl's 'The Giraffe the Pelly and Me' and link this with our day celebrating one of the greatest children's authors of all time. We will then explore Julia Donaldson and her rhyming stories; using this as inspiration to write our own story using her repeated phrases to help us. To end the term we will write labels and captions to create a class art gallery of our paintings.



Throughout the term we will be reading the book 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds to develop our reading comprehension.

Maths - We will be exploring numbers to 10 this half term. The children will be learning the difference between a number and a digit and exploring the environment around them to develop this understanding further. Towards the end of the term, the children will apply this understanding to addition and subtraction to 10.



Science - We are very lucky to have Mr Pillans teaching our science this year. Our focus this term is learning about common animals. We will identify common features of vertebrates and then learn the difference between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will use Wild at Heart to explore habitats and search for different species.



History - We will look at 'The Great Fire of London'. Learning about how London has changed over time, how fire fighters have changed and what caused the fire. The children will also read some of Samuel Pepys' diary to learn more.

Art - Claude Monet is our main focus for the term. We will learn about him as an artist and his famous art work. The children will then create their own landscape, using paint and pastels.



Computing - The children will learn how to use programmes on the computer and iPads that they can use independently.

Geography - Following on from our learning about London the children will be exploring where they live and go to school. They will develop their understanding of the United Kingdom using maps and images.

RE - Throughout this half term the children will be learning about the religion 'Christianity'. They will learn about God and his teaching through many stories, including: The Creation Story, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark and Jonah and The Whale.

PSHE - The children will have weekly circle time sessions where we will talk about 'Living in the Wider World'. Along with this we will be looking at one of our 6 Rs - Respect.

PE - Lessons will be on **MONDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. On Mondays the children will work with JB Sports looking at building sport skills. On Fridays the children will be developing their fitness.

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: Musical Maestros