

IMPORTANT DATES

Book Fair Week

Monday 20th April – Friday 24th April.

Fantasy Writing Course

Wednesday 29th – Thursday 30th April.

School Mock Election

Thursday 7th May

SATs Week

Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May.

All Year 6s to take part in the End of Key Stage Assessments for Secondary Schools.

PFTA School Disco

Wednesday 20th May

End of Term

Friday 22nd May

Return to School

Monday 1st June

Rand Farm Park Residential

Monday 1st June – Wednesday 3rd June

There are a lot of exciting events happening after half term, but we will include the dates for these in the term 6 Newsletter.

P.E. KIT...

PE lessons continue to take place on a **TUESDAY** and a **FRIDAY**. The children should have their kits in school **all week** as these days may change due to other school events or weather. The children should have an indoor and outdoor kit as some of our lessons will take place outside, weather permitting; all kit should be clearly named! Please see the website for a list of kit needed. No jewellery should be worn and is to be removed by the children only.

Reading

The children are issued with a school reading book, they are expected to read and answer questions about their reading at home with an adult and record this in their home/school diary. We require the children to have their reading books and diaries in school **EVERY DAY** so that adults in school can listen to your child read on a weekly basis.



TOYNTON-ALL-SAINTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



A curriculum leaflet about...

Mighty Oaks - Year 5/6

Summer Term, 2015

Class Teachers – Mrs. Coulthurst,
Mr Pillans and Mrs Greenfield
Teaching Assistants– Mrs Kirk and
Mr Reeson



Welcome back...

I hope that all of you enjoyed the Easter break and had a relaxing time. It is good to see the weather improving and the days lengthening; Spring is definitely in the air! As I am sure you will appreciate, this is a very busy term, particularly for the Year 6s. Their focus will be on the important SATs tests; however, we have a range of exciting Summer sports planned to give pupils a welcome break from their academic work.

HOMEWORK...

The children will receive weekly literacy /spellings and maths homework. This should be completed and returned on the relevant date, which will be given to pupils when the homework is given out. Pupils may be required to carry out additional homework, such as researching a particular author, or event, as required. The children will be given a specific hand-in date for this when the work is set.

The children will be given their termly homework project. I was really impressed with the standard of their Viking homework and will give you the details of our termly homework when we start our Industrial Revolution topic.

Our topic this term is:

The Industrial Revolution



Literacy – Y5 will continue their work on **Instruction and Explanation** texts through exploring **changing technology**. The children will get to experience and write a range of **Poetry** this term; for example, they will explore the use of **imagery** in **Thomas Hardy's *Convergence of the Twain***. We will study **classic fiction** in **J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit***. We will also have the opportunity to study and write **persuasive writing** on a range of important issues and topics.

Numeracy – There will be two main aspects to our numeracy this term. First, we will **consolidate** our learning so far by revisiting different methods and applying them to real world problems. Secondly, we will **push our learning forward** by looking at some of the more challenging aspects of maths that is covered in Year 6.

For both Literacy and Numeracy, Year 6 pupils will focus on preparation for their SAT tests in May this year.

Topic – Our topic this term will be split into two main sections. First, we will use all the exciting things that we have learnt so far in our **Ecosystems, Saxons and Vikings** topics to produce a range of writing, including newspaper articles, recounts and information texts.

We will then move on to our exciting new topic: **The Industrial Revolution**. The children will explore the far reaching technological changes that transformed Britain from a rural economy to an industrial powerhouse. These will include the **Transport Revolution**, the development of **steam technology**, the **growth of manufacturing** and the **movement of population to urban areas**. We will also examine what life was like during the period for the people who lived through it.

Art and DT – Our Art and DT this term will be based upon our learning in topic and will centre on DT. To develop their craft skills and scientific knowledge, pupils will **design and build** both a **working windmill and watermill**.

ICT – A significant amount of effort is being put into upgrading our ICT equipment and provision. This will give us a much greater facility to use ICT within the broader curriculum and to support the more ICT specific aspects of the new curriculum, such as Computer Programming. Once the ICT system is fully up and running we will commence the programming aspects of the new curriculum. This will be a very exciting learning journey for children in KS2.

RE – This term the children will learn about different aspects of **Hindu Beliefs and Lifestyle**. We will learn about the concept of **Brahman** and some of the key Hindu **gods and goddesses**, including **Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva**. We will also examine how Hindus **worship**, their temples (**Mandir**) and some of the **key festivals**, such as **Divali**.

PSHE – We will be working on the topic 'Going For Goals' as well as one of the school's Rs, which this term is *Resilience*.

Music – This term our music provision will focus on preparation for the New Musical Express performance, to be held in June. In addition, the children will have lessons on a range of different instruments.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – Our focus language is French and we will be focusing on colours, body parts and vocabulary surrounding this.

PE – Lessons will be on a Tuesday and Friday. This term always provides a great opportunity to play summer sports. Our team sports this term will include cricket, rounders and hockey. Later in the term, we will start our track and field athletics practice for our whole school Victorian Sports Day to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of School's opening, in July. Swimming will also commence every Friday morning, in Term 6.