Thornton In Craven
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chestnut Newsletter

November 2026

I hope you have had a great half term. This is one of the most exciting half terms as we will have lots of Christmas fun to fit in too!

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts **'The Great Paper Caper', 'Iggy Peck Architect'** and '**The Christmas Pine'.** From these text children will continue their retell, create a non-fiction fact sheet and a short festive poem. We will be focussing on letter formation and handwriting, capital letters and full stops, joining using 'and' and noun phrases.



In **Maths** this half term we will be continuing our work on **place value** and **addition and subtraction.** We will also work on **3D shape.** Year 1 children will work with numbers to 20. Year 2 children will work with numbers to 50 and then will build to 100.

In **Phonics** Year 1 children will now begin to work through phase 5 phonics which introduces a range of alternative sounds. Year 2 children will be introduced to the Little Wandle Spelling programme and will complete the bridge from phonics to spelling unit.

Reading Children will continue to read their reading book three times a week in class. This book will then be sent home on a Wednesday and collected in again on a Monday so the book can be changed. Once the book has been read three times in school it will then be sent home again on a Wednesday. The three reads in class will focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Please comment in your child's planner when you listen to them read.

Homework

Homework will now be sent half termly. A homework grid will be sent home with 9 different activities for you to choose. It is expected you complete at least **3** different activities. We will share any homework images or work with the class when it has been completed so, please let me know. So many children completed all 9 last half term which was lovely to see – can we beat it this half term?

History

In History our unit of work is '**Houses and Homes'.** We will compare old and new houses and look and what it was like to live in houses in different periods of history.



Art and Design

Our focus this half term will be **Art.** We will be focussing on '**Collage and Mark Making'** using spirals.

Science

In Science this half term will be focussing on Living Things and Their Habitats. We will look at living and non-living things, name animals habitats and look at animal food chains.



PSHE

Our unit of work this half term is **'Valuing Difference'.** We will focus on unkindness, teasing, bullying and what to do if we think something is unfair.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term continues to be '**What can we learn from sacred books?'** which we will link to the religions Christianity and Islam.

Computing

We will focus on introducing Purple Mash this half term to complete the unit **'Creative Computing'**. Children can log into Purple Mash at home and can share any saved work with you.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Friday** with on the fundamental skills of '**Gymnastics'.** Ambition Gymnastics will deliver our Monday sessions.

