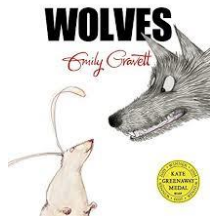
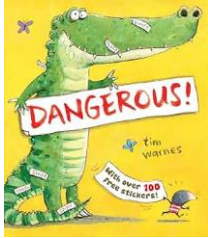




Chestnut Newsletter

September 2024

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts '**Dangerous**' and '**Wolves**'. From these text children will write labels, lists, captions, character descriptions and a non-chronological report.



In **Maths** this half term we will be focussing on **place value** and **addition and subtraction**. All children will work with numbers within 20 to begin and then we will extend to numbers within 100.

In **Phonics** year 1 and year 2 children will start with a recap on previous phase phonics. Year 1 children will then be taught phase 5 phonics and year 2 children will begin to look at spelling patterns. Weekly home learning sheets will be sent to support this.

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 home learning book 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 throughout the half term. This can be evidenced in your child's homework book, or an image can be emailed through to ewilkinson@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk. We will share any homework images or work with the class when it has been completed so, please let me know. We will also display homework achievements on our homework display board!

Student Planners

Your child will have a student planner. There is space for reading to be logged and messages written by home and school. These will be checked daily in school, and we ask that you do the same at home to aid communication. There is space for you to sign at the end of the week to show you have accessed this.

Geography

In geography our unit of work is '**The United Kingdom**'. We will name and locate the four countries within the UK, their capital cities and the seas surrounding the UK.



Art and Design

Our focus this half term will be **Design Technology**. We will be planning, designing and making a chair that is suitable for Baby Bear.

Science

In Science this half term will be focussing on materials. We will name different materials and their properties and complete an experiment linked to this.

PSHE

Our unit of work this half term is '**Fun Times**'. We will focus on other cultures celebrations and the importance of accepting different cultures.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is 'How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter' which we will link to the religions Christianity and Islam.

Computing

We will be exploring online safety and Purple Mash and will then use Purple Mash to introduce effective searching. Home logins will be sent home in planners so children can access Purple Mash at home.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Friday** with focus on the fundamental skills of '**Attack, Defend and Shoot**'.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child **always** has a water bottle in school.