

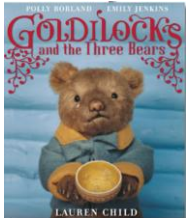


Chestnut Newsletter

September 2025

Welcome to Chestnut. I hope you have had a wonderful summer, and your child is eager to start the new academic year! I am very excited for the fun that lays ahead and all the new things he/she will learn!

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts '**Goldilocks and the three bears**' by Lauren Child, '**Me and You**' by Anthony Browne and '**Goldilocks and Just the One Bear**' by Leigh Hodgkinson. From these texts, children will explore different viewpoints of the traditional tale. They will then write three different versions of Goldilocks for three different, but connected writing outcomes.



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. Year 1 children will be given a login for **Numbots** an online maths resource that you can use at home. Year 2 children will be given a login for **Times Table Rock Stars**, an online maths resource for times tables.

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 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. 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 ktemple@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk. We will share any homework images and display homework achievements on our homework display board!

Geography

In geography our unit of work is **Where will live**. We will study where our school is, where we live and what is located in our local area. We will also think about how the Atlas Mountains are similar or different to our local area?



Art and Design

Our focus this half term will be **Drawing**. We will be introducing the idea that artists can be collectors and explorers. We will develop drawing and composition skills.

Science

In Science this half term will be focussing on **Animals including humans**. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will also identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

PSHE

Our unit of work this half term is **What do we put into and on our bodies?** We will discuss harmful substances that can go in or be absorbed by the body and how they make us feel.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is **What can we learn from sacred books?** We will look at the bible and the Qur'an. Our focus will be Christian and Muslim.

Computing

Our unit of work this half term is **Computing systems and networks**. We will look at IT around us.

PE

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

