



Chestnut Newsletter

November 2025

Welcome back to Chestnut. I hope you have had a wonderful half term break, and your child is excited for the run up to Christmas!

In **English** this half term, we will be focussing on the text, '**Fletcher and the Falling Leaves**' by Julia Rawlinson. Children will write a story in a setting that they are familiar with and alter the animal of the story. We will then study the text, '**Jesus' Christmas Party**' by Nicholas Allan. Children will retell the story from another viewpoint.



In **Maths** this half term, we will continue to focus on **place value, addition and subtraction** and **shape**. All children will count in tens, partition and compare numbers within 100. We will then all name, identify properties and create pattern with 2D and 3D shapes.

In **phonics** year 1 children will continue to learn phase 5 sounds. Weekly home learning sheets will be sent to support this. Year 2 children will begin to complete the Little Wandle spelling programme through daily spelling sessions.

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

Thank you for all the wonderful homework last half term. Again, 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!

History

In history we will be learning about **The Great Fire of London**.



Design and Technology

In design technology we will be making a windmill using cardboard.

Science

In Science this half term we will be focussing on **seasonal changes**.

PSHE

In PSHE we will learn about **identity, equality and society**. Children will think about what makes themselves and others special. They will also learn about the roles and responsibilities within home and school.

RE

We will continue to focus on our key question: **What can we learn from sacred books?** We will look at the bible and the Qur'an. Our focus will be on Christian and Muslim religions.

Computing

We will continue our unit of work on **Computing systems and networks**. We will look at IT around us.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Wednesday** with focus on the fundamental skills of gymnastics.

