

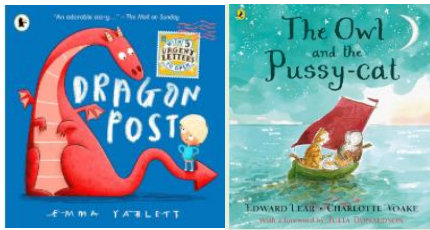


Chestnut Newsletter

January 2026

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas.

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts **Dragon Post** by Emma Yarlett and **The Owl and the Pussy Cat** by Edward Lear. We will write a guide on how to look after a dragon and write our own poems.



In **Maths** this half term we will be focussing on **addition and subtraction**. We will use our knowledge of number bonds to identify related facts for both addition and subtraction calculations. We will also focus on **length and height**. We will measure the lengths and heights of objects, using non-standard units of measure such as cubes or paper clips.

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 complete the Little Wandle spelling programme through daily spelling sessions.

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

Thank you for all the amazing homework last half term. It was wonderful to see children enjoying the activities, including the baking activity! Another 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!

Student Planners

Please continue to use these for recording when your child has read. These will be checked daily in school, and we ask that you do the same at home to aid communication.

Geography

Our topic this half term is **The World**. We will study the seven continents and the climate around the world.



Art and Design

Our focus this half term will be **Expressive Painting**. We will explore how painters sometimes use paint in an expressive and gestural way. We will also explore colour mixing and experimental mark making to create abstract still life. Please send an apron into school to prevent marks on uniform, if you wish.

Science

In Science this half term will be focussing on '**Plants**'. Children will name a range of plants and trees and their parts. We will also plant and observe a range of seeds and plants.

PSHE

Our unit of work this half term is **Relationships and Health Education**.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is **What does it mean to belong to a faith community?**

Computing

Our unit of work this half term is **data explorers** we will be looking at sorting and grouping quizzes understanding what data is and representing data electronically.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Friday**. We will explore **dance**.

