

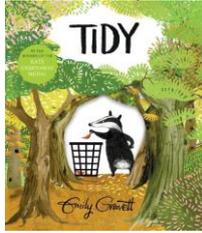


## Chestnut Newsletter

February 2026

I hope you have had a lovely half term!

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the text **Tidy by Emily Gravett**. We will be producing a narrative of the story. Year 1 children will focus on writing simple sentences and Year 2 children will include expanded noun phrases.



In **Maths** this half term we will be focussing **time, mass, capacity and temperature**. We will tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter too and past. Year 2 children will then begin to tell the time in intervals of 5 minutes. We will also recap addition and subtraction.

In **Phonics** Year 1 children will continue to learn phase 5 sounds with Mrs Wilkinson. Weekly home learning sheets will be sent to support this. Year 2 children will complete the Little Wandle spelling programme through daily spelling sessions with Miss Barnes and the spellings the children have focussed on will be sent home each week.

### **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**

A new grid will be sent this half term – I am excited to see what you and your child choose to complete. 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](mailto:ewilkinson@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk). We will share any homework images and display homework achievements on our homework display board!

### **Home Learning Planners**

Please ensure your child has their planner in school each day. We do check these daily and will write notes in these if needed. Please use these as a communication method if needed too!

### **History**

Our topic this half term is **Rosa Parks**. We will learn about who she is and why she is a significant individual.



### **Design Technology**

Our focus this half term will be **Mechanisms**. We will explore wheels and axels and will make our own cars. We will be using recyclable materials so please send any spare egg boxes and milk tops our way!

### **Science**

In Science this half term will continue with our focussing on **'Plants'**. We will continue with planting and observing.

### **PSHE**

Our unit of work this half term is **Relationships and Health Education**. We will also look at Internet Safety and top tips for keeping safe online.

### **RE**

Our key question in RE this half term is **What does it mean to belong to a faith community?** where we will focus on Christian and Muslim ceremonies.

### **Computing**

Our unit of work this half term is continuing with **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 **Wednesday and Friday**. We will have one session with Kanga and one with Mrs Wilkinson focussing on the fundamental skills of hitting, catching and running.

