

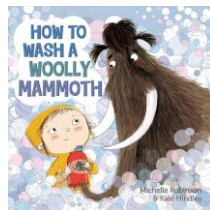


Chestnut Newsletter

April 2026

I hope you have had a lovely Easter and didn't consume too much chocolate!

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the text **How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth**. We will be producing a set of instructions on how to wash our own toy or teddy – keep your eyes peeled for an email saying when to bring to school! We will also use a short film stimulus called **Bubbles** to consolidate our sentence structure.



In **Maths** this half term we will be consolidating place value and addition and subtraction. **Year 1** children will focus on numbers within 20 and **Year 2** children will focus on numbers within 100. We will then move onto fractions focussing on half, quarters and thirds.

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.

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 emailed through to Mrs Wilkinson. All homework is celebrated in class. If you complete all 9 homework tasks you will receive a golden star worth ten house points!

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!

Geography

Our topic this half term is **The United Kingdom**. We will name and locate the four countries and their capital cities. We will also look at weather patterns and compare to a contrasting location.



Art

Our focus this half term will be '**Stick Transformations**'. The children will use a variety of natural objects to complete this.



Science

In Science this half term will continue with our focussing on '**Animals including Humans**'. We will name body parts, look at the five senses and classify a range of animals.

PSHE

Our unit of work this half term is '**Being my Best**'. We will have lots of discussions about how we can be the best version of ourselves!

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is '**Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?**'. This outcome will span over the whole summer term and will include a visitor into school and hopefully some food tasting!

Computing

Our unit of work this half term is '**Creating and Following Instructions**'. We will use Purple Mash to facilitate this.

PE

PE will take place on a **Tuesday** (Tennis with STC) and **Friday** (Mrs Wikinson).

