



Chestnut Newsletter

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the text **Leaf**. From this text children will write for a range of purposes including description, non-fiction captions, narratives and diary entries.



In **Maths** this half term we will continue with our work on **addition and subtraction**. We will also introduce **multiplication and division and measure units including length, height, capacity and weight**.

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. **Some Year 2 children will move onto fluency reading books and more information will be sent home separately,**

Homework

Homework will continue to 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 ewilkinson@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk. We will share any homework images or work with the class when it has been completed so, please let me know when you have completed a task. We will also display homework achievements on our homework display board!

History

Our unit of work this half term will be focussed on the significant individual **'Mary Anning'**. We will find out where she lived, what she did in her life that was special and significant and look at any challenges she faced along the way.



Art and Design

Our focus in Art this half term will be **'Simple Printmaking'**. Children will explore simple ways to make a print. Use line, shape, colour and texture to explore pattern, sequencing and symmetry.

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 theme this half term will be **'What keeps me healthy?'**

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is **'How and why we celebrate special and sacred times?'**. We will focus on the celebrations of Easter and Eid.

Computing

We will complete the unit **'Digital Painting'** where we will focus on using online paint tools to create paintings.

PE

PE will take place on a **Wednesday and Friday** with a focus on **'hit, catch and run'** which will help develop the fundamental skills in preparation for striking and fielding games. Our Wednesday session will be facilitated by Kanga Sports.

