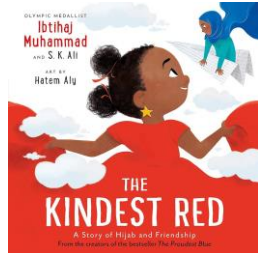
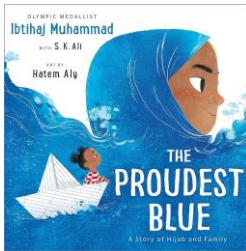




Chestnut Newsletter

February 2024

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts **The Proudest Blue** and **The Kindest Red**. From this children will be writing character descriptions and completing narrative writing, innovating their own story.



In **Maths** this half term **Year 1** children will continue with **addition and subtraction within 20** and then move onto **measure and fractions**. **Year 2** children will continue with **multiplication and division** and then move onto **measure and fractions**.

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 continue 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 may move onto accelerated reader this half term and more information will be sent when this happens.

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 on our display board!

Geography

Our unit in geography this half term is '**Hot and Cold Places**'. We will locate and recognise features of Antarctica, deserts and rainforests and look at how animals adapt in these places.

Art

Our focus in Art will be expressive painting. We will be introducing the artist Vincent Van Gogh and will be creating pieces of art in his style.



Science

In Science this half term will be continue to learn about plants. We will continue to monitor our bulb growth and will also conduct an experiment growing seeds in different environments.

PSHE

This half term we will continue with the unit '**Boys, girls and their families**'. We will focus on caring for others and how different home lives can vary but all are special.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is 'What is Christian and why do the celebrate Easter?'



Computing

We will continue using Purple Mash in computing to complete the unit **pictograms**. As we progress with this unit optional 'to do tasks' will be set so your child can continue with this at home.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Friday**. We will be focussing on **netball** and **cricket**.

