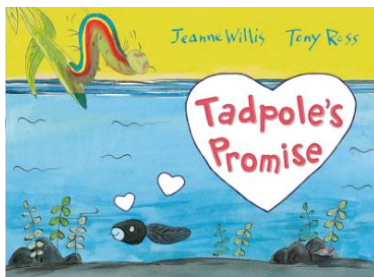




### Chestnut Newsletter

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed the glorious weather we have had. I am very much looking forward to teaching Chestnut class while Mrs Wilkinson is on maternity leave. Please email me at [ktemple@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:ktemple@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk) with any questions you may have.

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the text **Tadpole's Promise**. This text will link to our Science topic: **'Animals including Humans'**. From the text **Tadpole's Promise**, children will write their own version of an explanation text.



In **Maths** this half term we will continue with: **multiplication and division; length, height, capacity and weight**. We will then focus on **money** and then move on to **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.

#### **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 to me. 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!

#### **Geography**

Our unit of work this half term will be: **'Children like you live in Mugurameno Village, Zambia'**. We will locate Mugurameno on a map and identify physical and human features of Zambia. We will also compare life in Mugurameno, to life in Thornton-in Craven.

#### **Art and Design**

In Art this half term will be **'Making Birds'**. We will begin by drawing from observation and exploring different media. We will then transform the drawings from 2D to 3D models.

#### **Science**

In Science this half term will be focussing on: **'Animals including Humans'**. We will name animals, describe their parts and learn what they eat. We will also name the parts of our bodies and senses.

#### **PSHE**

Our theme this half term will be: **'Keeping safe and managing risk'**. We will learn about keeping safe inside and outside, including fire and road safety.

#### **RE**

Our key question in RE this half term is **'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?'** We will re-tell a story about the life of the Prophet Muhammad and study some objects used by Muslims and suggest why they are important.

#### **Computing**

We will complete the unit on **'Coding'** to create and debug simple programs.

#### **PE**

PE will take place on a **Thursday and Friday** with a focus on **'send and return'**. We will play modified net and wall games. We will be throwing, catching and sending over a net. Our Thursday session will be facilitated by Skipton Tennis Centre.



Mrs Temple