



### Chestnut Newsletter

Welcome back, I hope you have had a lovely half term. Thank you for all the wonderful pieces of homework that was sent in last half-term.

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the text **Julian is a Mermaid** and **A Walk in London**. From *Julian is a Mermaid* children will write their own three verse poem based on the idea of movement, being who you want to be. From *A Walk in London*, children will write their own guide for our local area.



In **Maths** this half term we will start with **fractions**. We will then move on to **time, mass, capacity and temperature**. We will finish the year with **position and direction**.

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**

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! My email address is: [ktemple@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:ktemple@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk)

#### **History**

Our unit of work this half term will be: '**Castles-immigration and invasion**'. We will learn that castles were built in the past and identify some of their features. We will also learn that castles were used as a home, for defence and for trade.

We will even take a trip to Clitheroe Castle on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July details have been sent out.

#### **Design Technology**

Our unit of work this half term will be: '**A Balanced Diet**'. We will learn about preparing food hygienically and safely. We will also be cutting, peeling and grating fruit and vegetables.

#### **Science**

In Science this half term will continue to focus 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: '**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing- friendship**.' We will learn about the importance of special people in our lives and how to build friendships.

#### **RE**

We will continue with our key question: '**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 continue with the unit on '**Coding**' to create and debug simple programs.

#### **PE**

PE will take place on a **Wednesday and Friday** with a focus on '**Run, Jump and Throw**'. We will begin to link running and jumping. We will also learn and refine a range of running. Finally, we will develop throwing techniques to throw over longer distances. Our Wednesday session will be facilitated by Kanga.

Mrs Temple