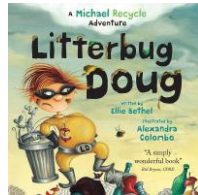




Chestnut Newsletter

September 2023

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts **Michael Recycle** and **Litterbug Doug**. From these texts the Year 1 children will be writing simple labels and captions to make a poster about recycling and the Year 2 children will be creating a leaflet using simple sentences and punctuation.



In **Maths** this half term we will be focussing on **place value** and **addition**. **Year 1** children will be working within numbers to 10 – counting forwards, backwards, identifying numbers greater than, less than and using a number line. **Year 2** children will be working on numbers within 100 – identifying numbers, understanding tens and units, comparing and partitioning.

In **Phonics** year 1 and year 2 children will start with a recap on previous phase phonics. Year 1 children will then be taught phase 5 phonics and year 2 children will begin to look at spelling patterns. Weekly home learning sheets will be sent to support this.

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 now 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. We will also display homework achievements on our homework display board!

Student Planners

Your child will have a student planner. There is space for reading to be logged and messages written by home and school. These will be checked daily in school, and we ask that you do the same at home to aid communication. There is space for you to sign at the end of the week to show you have accessed this.

Geography

In geography we will be looking at weather and seasons. We will identify how seasons and weather impact our daily life, complete a weather diary and investigate and predict suitable clothing for different weather.

History

In history we will focussing on **toys**. We will find out the answers to the following key questions:

1. How do toys change as people get older?
2. How have toys changed over time?

We also have an exciting visit from Craven Museum booked in to support us with our learning.

Art and Design

Our focus in Art this half term will be drawing and in Design Technology will be Mechanisms – Wheels and Axels.

Science

In Science this half term will be focussing on materials and their everyday uses. We will be completing an experiment to work out the best waterproof material!

PSHE

Our key question will be 'What do we put into and on our bodies?'. We will focus on drug, alcohol and tobacco education.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is 'How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?'

Computing

We will be exploring online safety and Purple Mash. Home logins will be sent home shortly if your child does not already have one.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Friday** with a focus on fitness and football.

