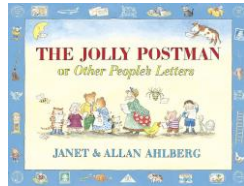
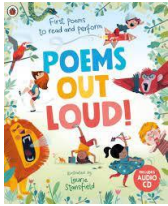




Chestnut Newsletter

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts **Poems out Loud** and **The Jolly Postman**. From this children will be performing and writing simple poetry, writing letters and writing their own version of a fairytale.



In **Maths** this half term **Year 1 and Year 2** children will focus on **fractions, time and position and direction**. We will also continue to practice arithmetic skills focusing on methods to solve additions, subtractions, divisions and multiplications. You could also practice solving missing number problems at home as this is continuing to trick us in class!

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. Spellings from each week will be sent home to Year 2 children.

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

We will begin this half term continuing with the unit **'Hot and Cold Places'**. We will then move onto a **'Local Study of Thornton and Our School'** where we will identify the features of rural and urban areas, identify human and physical features of our school, and also complete some local fieldwork.

Art

In Art we will continue to finish our artwork of 'Starry Night' using the style of Vicent Van Gough. We will then move onto the theme 'Working in 3 Dimensions' which will involve exploring architecture and creating architectural models.



Science

In Science this half term our focus will be **'Animals including Humans'**. We will name the key parts of the body, look at the five senses and what they are used for, classify animals and compare structure of different animals.

PSHE

This half term we will continue with the unit **'Indoors and Outdoors'**. We will focus on managing risk and keeping ourselves safe in a variety of situations.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is 'What makes a special place sacred?'



Computing

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