

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023

Headteacher's News

The term has started as we mean to go on and the children have settled straight back into their learning and been working hard. We have all been grateful for the sunshine and the chance to return to playing on the school field. Our Habit of Mind focus this week has been 'Taking a Responsible Risk' and we have been encouraging the children to see the positive opportunities in things that initially present as daunting or a challenge. Although, as you know, this will be my final term at Chenies I would like to assure you that I will continue to lead the school to the best of my ability and am committed to ensuring that our planned work on developing the curriculum continues. The advert for a new headteacher has been prepared and we are expecting it to be published early next week.

Teacher's Strikes

As you may be aware the NEU is planning on further days of strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. I can confirm that I am not expecting there to be any changes to our usual operating arrangements on either day.

Artist of the Week

This week's artist is Masashi Kishimoto, a Japanese Manga artist, and was chosen by Oliver and Ewan.

I wish you all a happy weekend and for those of you celebrating Eid I hope you enjoy your celebrations with family and friends.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

PTA - Chesham Carnival

Thank you to everyone that attended the carnival meeting last night. We can't wait to share the exciting plans we have got! We will be in touch next week to sign up and a call out for things we need to get our hands on! For now please save the date for this fun and important fundraising event for the school- Saturday 10th June.

Thank you,
Laura



Happy Birthday
Barnaby
Emma D



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Freddy	Casian
Monet	Robyn	Senan
Hockney	Jake	Jimmy
Hepworth	Elora	Vihaan

Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	100%
Monet	93%
Hockney	87%
Hepworth	95%

Class News

Van Gogh

The children have had a great week and I am very proud of how they came in and just got straight into their learning and routines.

Phonics:

We are approaching the end of Phase 3. The children have found the digraphs/trigraphs in Phase 3 tricky, please continue to work with your child at home to consolidate reading words/sentences with these sounds. It is also important that they are confidently applying these sounds in their writing.

Week 7 air er Tricky words: you - they

Week 8 Consolidating Phase 3 sounds

Spelling words with k/ck s/ss f/ff l/ll

Tricky words: her

Reading:

Books are changed on a Thursday, please make sure children bring in their reading folders so that we can track their reading at home and change their books. It is really important that you are writing in the reading records so that we can change the books but also for us to get an idea of how the children are getting on with reading/ sharing books at home.

The children will be bringing home a library books home on Tuesday, please could you ensure they have it with them to change the following Tuesday.

Writing:

We are continuing to work the children extending sentences by using adjectives, starting to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end. It is also important that the children

are consistently applying the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words in their writing. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home.

Maths:

Over the next few weeks we will be consolidating number 10 – 20. This the children have been learning about how these numbers are made up of two digits e.g. 13 is one TEN and three ONES because when we add ten and three we get 13. The children have been using TEN frames to help them visualise the TENS and ONES. Please continue to consolidate these numbers at home.

Next week we will be starting to look at Number Bonds to 10. The children will start to use a 10p coin in the snack shop and we will continue to consolidate telling the time on an analogue clock.

Topic:

Thank you to Leo for bringing in the caterpillars. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Life

Cycle of Butterfly. We will be focusing on the text The Very Hungry Caterpillar and using Eric Carle's Illustrations to create our own artwork.

Our Van Gogh Painting this month is: Café Terrace at Night

Show and Tell

- Thursday 27th April 2023: Yellow House

REMINDERS:

- As the weather is changing please ensure that the children have hats in school.

- Stay and Get Physical: Wednesday 24 th May 2023 @ 9.15

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

We've a great week back to school in Monet Class. We have been busy researching Beatrix Potter, finding out about her life and enjoying some of her famous books. We have also been revising 2D shapes and their properties and investigating symmetry.

Next week we will continue to find out more about our significant person, Beatrix Potter and begin to compare her life as a child to our own experiences. We will also be using her stories to help us plan and write our own stories focusing on punctuation, sequencing events and character descriptions.

In Maths we will be looking at 3D shapes, comparing them and identifying their properties. We will also be reinforcing place value by placing 2-digit numbers on a number line, ordering numbers and comparing them using < and >.

In science we will be thinking about how the length of the day changes during spring and we will be observing and describing the weather, temperature and rainfall throughout May and June.

In art this half term we will be focusing on printing and using paint to experiment with printing with natural objects. If you have any old white sheets or pillow cases you no longer need, we would very much appreciate using them in art to recycle, cut up and print with.

Please remember to bring in a water bottle for the classroom every day and reading books to be returned every Tuesday.

Forest School – Monday Year 2

Please ensure that children come to school wearing trousers suitable for climbing and with appropriate outdoor clothing, including sturdy shoes. School sweatshirts should still be worn, but preferably an older one rather than a brand new one!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

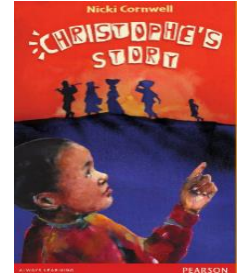
Maths

Year 3 children have been continuing with fractions this week. They have been adding, subtracting and partitioning fractions. Next week they will be learning about money.

Year 4 children have been continuing with decimals this week. They have partitioned, flexibly partitioned and compared decimals. Towards the end of next Year 4 will also be learning about money.

English

We have started our new book - *Christophe's Story*. So far the children have learnt that Christophe is from Rwanda and that he and his family escaped from the war. Children have been making inferences about some of the main characters in the book, they have also been discussing Christophe's feelings about his time in Africa and in the UK.



Topic

In Science we have started looking at Living things and their habitats. The children's first lesson focussed on classification – to get their brains warmed up they were given liquorice allsorts to classify. After that we moved onto classifying animals in Watford Zoo. Look at some of their fantastic work!



In our computing sessions, we will be developing our word processing skills using Microsoft word. This week we learnt how to insert text boxes and pictures

Physical and mental well-being will be our new topic in PSHE. We will discuss Health choices and habits. We will also explore what effects our feelings.

RE - We have been looking at different places of worship. We had an interesting discussion where we expressed our personal opinions whether places of worship are needed and their significance.

In Design Technology, we have started to look at mosaic tiles in Roman times. The children spent their first lesson finding their favourite designs and creating a collage in their books. By the end of this unit they will be using their creative skills to design and make their very own tile.



Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

This first week back has whizzed past, and Hepworth have jumped back into the school routine with aplomb! Next week, the children will continue studying the e-book, The Museum of Fun, with the goal of writing a review of the museum to attract more visitors. Later in the week in SPAG we will have an overall review, as well as practising levelling up sentences to make them more interesting. The spelling rule will be words ending in 'able'.

In Maths, Hepworth will move onto statistics, using graphs to interpret information, as well as looking at position, reflection and translation of shapes in geometry.

In Science, the children will finish testing different materials for their properties, using their own suggestions for how to carry out the tests. They've come up with some great ideas so far, and we're looking forward to their next ideas!

In RE, the children will be exploring values in life, whilst in PHSE we will be focussing on maintaining good mental wellbeing. In PE Hepworth will be playing field sports with Mr Jones, and moving onto gymnastics in the hall.

We wish you a wonderful weekend.

And finally, a message from Mrs Wilson:

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents who were so generous with gifts, cards and kind words. I feel thoroughly spoiled and very touched- especially for the extra goodbyes at the end of the day and to the ex-pupils that came by too. Teaching your children has been an absolute pleasure and I feel honoured to be a part of their education at Chenies. Thank you so much again for being so thoughtful and kind when saying goodbye and when choosing gifts and cards- I really do appreciate everything so much. Have a wonderful summer term.

Mrs Jones, Miss Shine and Mrs Wilson!

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th May	Whole School Coronation Celebrations
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 nd May - Friday 26 th May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 29th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Inset Day
Saturday 10th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 12 th June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 21st July	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic 1.30pm Term Ends