

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Headteacher's News

It has certainly been a cold week but the children have enjoyed the opportunity to marvel at the beauty of the natural world and the opportunities to play with the ice which has formed in all sorts of containers! It has been a good week for spontaneous scientific investigations about the properties of ice and developing poetic vocabulary to describe our lovely surroundings.

### Online Safety

I have this week received information about a viral post circulating on social media about an alleged [self-harm](#) 'game'. known as 'The Game' which is being shared on the Roblox Platform. I am aware that a number of our children use Roblox at home and want to bring your attention to the article which can be found [here](#). I have also attached the Wake up Wednesday Roblox advice sheet from [National Online Safety](#) to this newsletter. Please do take the time to read it and ensure you are doing all you can to keep your child safe online.

### Parent Governor

We do not need to have an election due to the fact that Mrs Whale is the only parent standing. I am grateful that she is willing to take on the role and am pleased to share with you her statement about the skills and experience she will bring to this position.

### Mrs Whale's Governor Profile

I'm mother to Pip (Hepworth), Arthur (Hockney), Barnaby (Monet) and Freddy (Van Gogh), and am class rep for Van Gogh. I can usually be found somewhere on the playground mornings and afternoons.

Professionally, I'm a teacher. Prior to Pip's birth, I was a secondary English teacher teaching across the attainment range. In that time, I completed Masters in Inclusive Education, and was involved at County level as a Lead English Teacher. I was responsible for the implementation and development of two new post 16 courses in my department. I was also a trainee teacher mentor.

I now work as an independent dyslexia specialist teacher, but have maintained a wide ranging interest in the full breadth of educational matters. In recent years, due to my own children, and the needs of my students, I have placed more emphasis on learning about the primary curriculum.

I'm a strong advocate for evidence-based teaching and learning that enables all children to succeed, whatever their learning needs. I actually enjoy reading journal articles, and I've been known to extend that to 'Department for Education' documents as well!

Over the years, I've enjoyed serving on many committee and teams in both teacher and volunteer capacities.

## **Teach in Bucks recruitment Fair**

I honestly believe that teaching is one of the most rewarding professions there is! If you are looking for a change in career and would like to find out more about the different routes you can follow to become a teacher then do consider attending the Teach in Bucks recruitment fair on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. More information about this is in the attached flyer.

## **Amersham Music Centre**

Our annual “**Come Play and Sing**” at Amersham Music Centre is back on **Saturday 4th Feb from 9am.**

This is the perfect opportunity for young instrumentalists and singers to come and have a go at their local Music Centre. Participation in an ensemble is another step in developing as a musician; as well as all the transferable life skills, like team work, patience and self-confidence (to name a few). We always enjoy welcoming new faces, and we know they will have a great time!!

This year we will be running 2 sessions:

- 9am - 10.30am Junior Jam for all instrumentalists 1 term tuition to Grade 3
- 10.45am - 11.15am Big Sing for all ages all abilities.

**It's FREE, and no need to book.** Just turn up

## **Please remember**

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Van Gogh Class - Movement to Music @ The Amersham School
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Monet Class Multiskills @ DCHS
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Hepworth Class Handball @ The Amersham School
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Hockney Swimming

## **PTA**

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - film club, booking is now open
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - non-uniform day (in exchange for suggested £1 donation)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Spring disco

## **Artist of the Week**

Our artist of the week was Henry Moore

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher



# Happy Birthday



Anika – 21<sup>st</sup> January

Dylan – 24<sup>th</sup> January

## STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Emma	Logan
Monet	Pippa	Freya
Hockney	Joseph	Ciaran
Hepworth	Eva	Luca

## Class News

### Van Gogh

The children have come back and settled in well.

**Phonics:** We will in a few weeks start learning a range of digraphs and trigraphs (sounds with two/three letters) which can be tricky and therefore do need to be consistently reinforced so that the children are confidently applying their phonic knowledge to reading and writing words/sentences.

Week 3a		Capital letter
Week 3b	ch, sh, th, ng	Tricky words <i>she, me</i> and <i>be</i>

It is also important that we continue to consolidate Phase 2 sounds and work on segmenting and blending, hearing initial/middle/end sounds and rhyme.

**Reading:** This term the children will be bringing home their reading books on **Fridays** which should be returned to school the following **Thursdays** to be changed. Please ensure that you write in the reading record every time you hear your child read or share a book with them, so that books can be changed. The children will also be bringing home a library book every Tuesday, once again please ensure these are returned the following Tuesday for the children to pick another book.

### **Writing:**

The children are up for the challenge of writing a sentence about the 'word of the day'. Please continue to reinforce segmenting and blending at home to help them be more confident when writing. Also, if you are doing any writing at home, it is important the children are confidently applying their sounds when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage them to use finger spaces, a capital letter at the start of their sentence and a full stop at the end. Remember writing does not always mean sitting at a desk, they can write lists, recipes, make tickets, label things etc. it's all about then having a go.

**Maths:** We will continue to learn about number 6 and 7:

**Conservation of a number:** Number of objects in a set does not change even when they are moved around.

**Composition of a number:** Number are made of two or more other smaller numbers involving a 'part' and a 'whole'. Learning to 'see' a whole number and its parts at the same time.

**Subitise:** Look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting.

In addition to this we will be looking at 2D shapes with 6 and 7 sides (hexagon & heptagon) and as we consolidate previous shapes learnt we will be looking at patterns when describing the properties, for example the number of sides and corner are the same. We will also be opening up our snack shop where the children will get the opportunity to buy their fruit and drink by paying for it using 1p 2p and 5p coins.

**Topic:** Our topic this term is: Chinese New Year - Food from Around the World. Next week we will start our Chinese New Year Celebrations. It's the Year of the Rabbit. We will be learning facts about China and starting to talk about how Chinese New Year is celebrated.

### **Show and Tell**

Unless it is related to the topic, maths or writing, please make sure that the children in the correct house only bring in something to show on a Thursday.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January - YELLOW HOUSE

### **REMINDERS:**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023: Movement to Music @ Amersham School

PE KITS WILL BE SENT HOME ON FRIDAY SO THE CHILDREN CAN WEAR THEM ON MONDAY. PLEASE

REMEMBER THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE PE ON TUESDAY SO KITS NEED TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

## **Monet**

In Monet Class next week we will be continuing to write our own Chinese New Year stories and working on how to check and edit our own writing to improve it. We will also be using the words 'when, if and because' to link ideas in our writing.

In maths, Year 1 will continue to add and subtract, focusing on correct number formation, using the correct mathematical symbols to write additions and subtractions and recognising and understanding the value of different coins and notes. Year 2 will be finding different combinations of coins that give the same amount, finding totals and giving change.

In science we will be identifying materials which have certain properties and in history we will be comparing toys from different times. In DT we will begin to think about and design our own toy with moving parts. Thank you to all those who have brought in cereal boxes. Please check that they have not contained any nuts or seeds before bringing them into school.

We are also looking forward to the multi-skills festival on Tuesday morning at Dr Challoners High School which is always a fun-filled event.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

### **Maths**

Next week Year 4 will be completing the multiplication unit, and Year 3 will be beginning our new unit on Area and Perimeter.

### **English**

We will be continuing reading The Iron Man and writing a Diary entry. We will be focussing on our writing and editing our work thoroughly.

### **Topic**

Children have enjoyed learning about the Tudor era and how they lived, next week we will be looking at features of Tudor houses.

In RE, we will be discussing what is important to us and how we can express our feelings and beliefs. In PSHE, we will be discussing our local community.

In Science, children have been continuing to learn about sound. This week we looked at how sound travels and children made their own string telephone to demonstrate it.

In DT, children have been looking at the design and style of Tudor clothing. By the end of the unit they will be aiming to make a miniature item of Tudor clothing.

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and to complete homework set on Google classroom, any questions please let us know.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

## **Hepworth**

Well done to Hepworth class who have continued to work hard this week.

Next week in English, we will finish reading our text Oranges in No Man's Land, exploring characters' feelings and looking for powerful words and phrases that add to the meaning of the story. We will be using these ideas when we write our own stories, based on the text, the following week. At the end of the week, our SPAG focus will be on indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs and using modal verbs. Our spellings for the week will be adverbs.

In Maths, we will move on to multiplying and dividing fractions. This is yet another area where the children who don't know their tables will find the work harder as the relationship between numbers isn't quickly recognised. Please do help your child to practice these - chanting them in the car or using some of the readily available games or apps online.

In Topic, we will be exploring mountains and mountain ranges across the world. Our PSHE lesson continues our focus on the uses and safety around using social media. In RE we will be finding out more about how Hindus believe the world was created.

In our Science topic, Forces, we will be looking at water resistance, whilst in Spanish our phonics focus is the sounds for i and ai, and we will be practising greetings as part of introducing and talking about ourselves.

On Wednesday afternoon we will be going to The Amersham School for an afternoon of handball (there won't be a Music lesson this week), so please remember to collect your child from there at 3pm that day.

We wish you a wonderful weekend

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9am – 10.30am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Monet 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>PTA Film Club</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Hockney 9.30am – 11.30am DCHS Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Workshare Evening
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk Monet Class – COAM Trip
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>PTA School Disco</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to School</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic <b>1.30pm Term Ends</b>