

Chenies School Newsletter

29th April 2022

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. Our Habit of Mind focus this week has been Questioning and Posing Problems. This is all about encouraging children to have a respectful questioning attitude in order to develop and extend their learning. I shared a quote on Monday from Isidor Isaac Rabi, a Nobel Prize winner who said "My mother made me a scientist without ever intending to. Every other Jewish mother in Brooklyn would ask her child after school: So? Did you learn anything today? But not my mother. "Izzy," she would say, "did you ask a good question today?" That difference — asking good questions — made me become a scientist." Perhaps I could encourage you to ask your children about the questions they have asked in school and how they have helped their learning!

Sporting events have started with Hepworth class enjoying a Rounders Festival at Chalfont Community College. I was delighted to hear that one group of our children won the overall resilience award and another group of our children won the overall award for effort. This is a real tribute to the way the children are applying the Habit of Mind of Persisting to all they do. Well done, Hepworth!

Jubilee Celebration Day

Your child will be bringing home an invitation to our special celebration day for the Platinum Jubilee, today. The school day will follow our usual timings, although the events listed make it appear that the day is slightly shorter. We want this to be a memorable and special day for the children and would like them all to come to school wearing smart clothes for a special occasion. Hopefully the weather will be dry and if it is parents are very welcome to join us from 1.30pm to buy an ice-cream and listen to the brass band outside. If however it turns out to be a wet day and we have to move the celebrations into the hall unfortunately we will not have the space to accommodate parents.

Wanted

Please remember to save 1 or 2 litre plastic drink bottles and bring them to school so that they can be made into flowers – we still need lots more for the carnival float.

We would also be grateful for any corks that you can send in which we need for science and art projects.

Please remember

- Wednesday 4th May - Monet class athletics at the Misbourne (arrivall back at school 3.30pm)
- Thursday 5th May -7.30pm PTA meeting
- Friday 6th May – 3.15pm PTA Tuckshop
- To make sure you have ordered school lunches by Monday evening for the following week

Artist of the Week

This week's artist is [Jason De Graff](#) and was chosen by Mrs Wilson.

For those of you celebrating Eid I wish you a wonderful time and hope everyone has an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Srihan	Georgia
Monet	Gabriel	Freddie
Hockney	Victor	Gracie
Hepworth	Fawn	Tommy

Class News

Van Gogh

Welcome back! Hope you all had a restful break. This is a very short term and we have lots of exciting things planned. This week the children had a go on the body boards, which was very exciting but also required them to be adventurous and resilient.

Phonics

We will be re-visiting all of the Phase 3 sounds and alternative sounds daily and consolidating the position of where these sounds are found in words most of the time. For example, AY would normally be found at the end of a word and AI in the middle. In line with this we will be starting Phase 4.

Week 2	New Sounds: are air Phase 4: Our focus this is how to write CVCC words. For example, Focussing on the last sound of a word TEN (T) TENT DUM (P) DUMP
Week 3	New Sounds: ear ure Phase 4: Our focus will be consonant clusters at the start of so CCVC word. Children tend to find these quite tricky as they cannot always hear the sounds. For example TR- AIN (T R AI N) SW – IM (S W I M)

Reading

It is really important that you continue to share books with your child. Please remember it's not just about them reading to you. It is as important that you are reading to them and sharing experiences. This term we will continue to compare and focus on Fiction and Non – Fiction books, looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

Writing

In addition to the topic writing we will continue to do the words of the day. The children really enjoy this, they pick a word from a selection of words that I have put in a tub. We talk about the initial sounds, how many syllables there are and the rhyming words. We then use a dictionary to look up the meaning and discuss if it is a verb, noun or adjective. The children then draw a picture and act out what the words means. Finally we write a sentence together. Throughout the day the children write their own sentences using this information. It is a great way to build on their vocabulary and writing as well as working on other areas of development.

Please remember if you are doing any writing at home to praise the children for confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage them to use their whooshes in and out to form cursive letters, 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 them having a go.

Maths

This week the children have been learning about using different methods of addition. For example, using apparatus, counting on by putting the bigger number in your head and counting on, and on a number line. The children have also been writing their own word problems.

Next week we will be looking at using the same methods to learn about subtraction. We will also continue to consolidate recognising and ordering numbers to 20, practise subitising and develop the understanding of the composition of numbers to ten. It is important that they are able to transfer these skills to solve problems. Also please continue to consolidate the names and properties of 3D shapes in the environment.

Topic

Our topic next term is Mini Beasts and the author we will be focusing on is Eric Carle. This week we started to read the story and have been acting it out. The children have done some amazing painting based on the illustrations. Next week we will be starting to think about writing the story and looking closely at how Eric Carle created his illustrations.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: Thursday 5th May 2022 – Green House

STAY AND GET PHYSICAL: Monday 16th May 2022 @ 9.15

As I had to cancel a couple of the Stay and Play sessions in the autumn term I have put in another one.

STAY, PLAY AND READ: Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 1.30

Once again a VERY BIG THANKYOU for all your support this year!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

It has been lovely to see everyone again after the Easter break and the children in Monet have settled back into class beautifully. Our topic this term is 'Land Ahoy!' so we will be having lots of fun reading and writing our own stories based on a sea setting, creating art and linking our theme to our learning across the curriculum.

Next week we will be focusing on writing descriptive story settings, thinking about characters and beginning to plan our own story based on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage.

In maths, Year 1 will be quickly adding and subtracting 10 to/from any 2-digit number, moving on to adding and subtracting 11 from a 2-digit number using a 100 square for support if needed.

In Year 2 we will be using partitioning (breaking a 2-digit number down into tens and ones) to double and halve 2-digit numbers, adding pairs of 2-digit numbers, revising subtracting from a 2-digit number and thinking about strategies for addition.

In history, we will be finding out and gathering information about seaside holidays today and linking this to our work in geography where we will be finding seaside locations on a map of the UK.

In DT we will be evaluating lunchboxes and linking this to our class story, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and in PSHE we will be learning about the importance of physical activity, thinking about different types of play and their value (physical, sport, indoor, outdoor, screentime, etc.). We are also looking forward to our Athletics afternoon at The Misbourne School on Wednesday!

Homework will be on google classroom. Please remember to bring your reading book back on Tuesdays and read daily.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Blakeley

Hockney

What a busy start we have had to this short and jam-packed term!

In English we've made a good start on our new fiction unit, *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. The children seem to be really engaged with this mysterious book and the different characters we have encountered so far. We will be spending the whole term focusing on this text, studying character, plot and how it builds up suspense and intrigue through carefully chosen and often unfamiliar words.

In maths we have continued with our study of fractions in preparation for our assessment week in a couple of weeks time. The children have been working really hard on this tricky concept to relate decimals, fractions and percentages together and move between them with ease. We have also been comparing and ordering fractions, again, a difficult topic made all the easier if you know your times tables! Next week, the Year 3s shall move on to focus on measuring and the Year 4s will continue to study decimal numbers and decimal places.

In science we have just begun to shift our focus toward physics. We have begun this term with a study of molecular structure and different states of matter and will then move on in a few weeks time to study light.

Our main topic for this term is geography-based. We are continuing our study of earthquakes and volcanoes, thinking about not only how and why these phenomena occur but what human impact such events cause. We shall not have a lesson next week due to the May bank holiday but the week after shall start investigating how earthquakes are formed.

In our PSHE lessons this term we are focusing on how we can make sensible choices with the wealth of information that is available to us through the internet and social media. We will be discussing at length how we navigate such information to find what we are looking for and how we begin to question this information and identify misinformation. We shall also be revisiting what we can do if we see something online that upsets us and how we can report it.

Next Wednesday we shall start our weekly swimming lessons that run right through until almost the very last week of the summer term. Please do remember to bring your kit with you on Wednesday. This means that our PE sessions for this term will be tennis on a Tuesday afternoon and swimming on a Wednesday afternoon.

Homework has resumed this week and is on Google Classrooms. Thank you very much to those of you who refreshed your pencil cases over the Easter holidays. If you haven't done so please make sure you do as soon as possible. It wastes such valuable time when we have to share so many resources such as glues sticks.

We wish you all a very enjoyable long weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday of next week.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week, and the children have worked really well. With SATS coming up there has been a lot of focus on Maths and English, although some of this has been combined with this term's Topic, Water of Life. Pupils have also had lots of physical exercise with the Rounders Tournament at Chalfont Community College on top of their PE lessons. We were over the moon that one of our teams won the award for the super skill of 'resilience' in the games and we look forward to playing more rounders during the summer months.

Next week in Maths, we will be revisiting Time and Timetables, and looking more at angles - including opposite angles, angles around a point and angles on a straight line. In English the children will continue exploring our book, The Eye of the Wolf. So far, they've produced some fantastic work, creating monologue speeches for the Wolf characters and a film storyboard to produce a flashback scene. In SPAG the focus will be on revision of any final key areas of the children's choice before their SATs the following week.

In PE children will be developing their gymnastic skills, whilst in Topic pupils will learn more about Rivers, notably those in the UK. One future aspect of this subject will be designing and making a vessel suitable for transporting on rivers. With this in mind, please could you save any empty plastic bottles, corks, plastic containers etc., which your child might find useful in our upcoming DT lessons.

We hope you have a lovely extended weekend and look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th May	Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 5th May	PTA Meeting
Friday 6th May	PTA Tuck Shop
Thursday 12 th May	Hockney – Cricket @ The Chalfont Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Friday 13th May	Friday Fitness Fun 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday 16 th May	EYFS Stay & Get Physical 9am
Thursday 19 th May	Hockney – Tennis @ Dr Challoner's High School 9.30am- 11.30am PTA - Carnival Workshop Workshare Evening 3.30pm – 5pm
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 27th May	PTA Smarties Challenge
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th June	The Great Jubilee Bake Off
Saturday 11th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Friday 17th June	Father's Day Event

Wednesday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening – 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm PTA Meeting
Friday 24th June	Ice Cream Friday!
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day (parents welcome)
Thursday 30 th June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
Friday 1st July	Ice Cream Friday!
Friday 8th July	Friday Fun Fitness
Tuesday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm & 7pm
Friday 15 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home Ice Cream Friday!
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 5.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver's Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm