

Chenies School Newsletter

18th February 2022

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many of you at the workshare evening last night and the staff were very grateful for the many positive comments they received. I am sure the children enjoyed sharing their work and the progress they have made this term, with you. I am very proud of the children's achievements since September not only academically but in the way they have adjusted to new routines, working together as a whole school again and a willingness to challenge themselves to achieve the very best they can.

Football

We have played two matches this week. Our boys' team played Chesham Bois on Monday. They had a great time and kept smiling throughout despite the wind, rain and mud. The final score was 7-0 to Chesham Bois but as the picture shows the team remained happy despite the defeat, which is far more important than the winning. The player of the match was Huw. Our girls' team played Chesham Preparatory School on Wednesday and once again they demonstrated exceptional teamwork. Although the final score was 5-1 to Chesham Preparatory they finished the game knowing they had provided plenty of challenge and played exceedingly well. The player of the match was Rosie.



Chance to Shine Cricket

I am pleased to tell you that all of our children will have the opportunity for six weeks of cricket coaching provided by the charity [Chance to Shine Cricket](#) next half term. This will take place on a Monday and therefore all children will need to have their PE kits in school on Mondays from 28th February.

Online Safety

As we continue to rely on technology for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family it is important to ensure we work to protect our children online. I would like to recommend that you have a look at the following articles which have been written to help parents and carers keep their children safer online:

- [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)
- [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)
- [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)
- The new Stop Abuse Together website (stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk) can help parents and carers learn to spot the signs, have regular conversations with their child which can help keep them safer, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.
- [Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents and](#)

[carers](#). This guidance for parents and carers is based on the voices of children and young people and gives tips to adults about how they can support children to stay safer online.

Art in Monet Class

The children in Monet class were very excited to take part in a zoom session with award winning artist and architect, Stephen Watkins. He did a special tour of his studio, showed them lots of his original artwork and answered the children's questions. They spotted lots of landmarks of London in his London skylines. We were very proud of how well the children listened and Stephen was very impressed with their thoughtful questions. Many thanks to Stephen for giving up his time to talk to us. You can view his work at [Art by Stephen Watkins- Contemporary City Skyline-Inspired Art \(sjwatkins.com\)](http://ArtbyStephenWatkins.com)

Rocky and Oliver who are both in Monet class chose Pablo Picasso as our [artist of the week](#).

Message from Judith Palfreman

Samaras Aid Appeal

A HIGE THANK YOU for your very generous gifts towards this appeal.

I am thrilled to tell you that across our small area we have collected enough to make up 33 dignity bags for children and young people, complete with coats and shoes which were the expensive items.

Well done everyone.

Judith

Please remember:

- PE kits for cricket on Monday 28th February
- Monet class Fitness Fun at Chalfont Community college on Thursday 3rd March
- Dressing up for World Book day on Friday 4th March

I hope that today's transition to remote learning has ensured your safekeeping and wish you all a happy and refreshing half term.

Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday
Arthur – 3rd March



Class News

Van Gogh

It has been an exciting term and the children have made fantastic progress. It has been great to see them grow and be more confident in their learning and play. I hope that you were able to see this in their work books yesterday.

Phonics

Please continue to consolidate all Phase 2/3 sounds and tricky words learnt to date.			
Week 1	Re-visit...		
	- ai (nail)	ay (play)	a-e (cake)
	- igh (fly high)	ie (apple pie)	i-e (nice smile)
	- oa (goat in a boat)	ow (blow the snow)	o-e (phone home)
Week 2	Introducing...		
	- or (fork)	aw (yawn)	ar (car)
	oo (book)		

Reading

The children have made amazing progress with their reading. Please continue to share fiction and nonfiction books with the children. The children will have individual targets in their reading records, please help them work on these at home as well school.

Writing

I hope the children shared their writing with you at the work share evening. As you can see, they have come on leaps and bounds. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home, they will use their phonic knowledge to spell words and should be praised for having a go. Remember writing does not always mean sitting at a desk, they can write lists, recipes, make tickets, label things etc.

Maths

It has been great to see the children not only recognising/ordering numbers but also starting to understand and apply them in different contexts and to solve problems. Next term we will start with consolidating our numbers to TEN and start to identify odd and even numbers. The children will also be introduced to 3D shapes, starting with the cylinder, and learning about the properties... I am a cylinder, I have one curved face, two curved edges and two circle flat faces. The children will be looking for cylinders in their environment. We will also revisit repeating patterns and further exploring symmetry. The children will also be learning to estimate and say how many object there are a group up to 10/15.

We will continue with our snack shop encouraging the children to pay for their snack using 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. Also to start comparing different values identifying things that are worth more/less.

Topic

We will be revisiting previous learning about seasons Autumn and Winter comparing changes in the environment. We will introduce the first signs of Spring and go for a Spring walk to observe, compare, and discuss changes in the environment. We will also be using our Mind Up skills, thinking about Mindful Seeing and Listening.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: The next one is on Thursday 3rd March 2022 – Yellow House

WORLD BOOK DAY: Friday 4th March 2022 – Don't forget to dress up as your favourite book character.

Thank you for your ongoing support this term! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a restful half term. Stay Safe!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

We have had such a busy, fun and creative half term and it was lovely to see lots of parents yesterday celebrating everything that the children in Monet class have achieved.

After half term we will start off our week with recounts and recapping basic punctuation (capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and exclamation marks) followed by writing factual sentences linked to our learning in science and geography.

In maths Year 1 will be combining groups of 10s and 1s, looking at what each digit represents and comparing two numbers less than 100. In Year 2 will be comparing 2-digit numbers and finding half, quarter and a third of amounts.

In science we will be identifying plants and animals in their habitats, focusing on chalk streams and observing our trout. In geography we will be thinking about the differences between a town and the countryside by talking about our own experiences and using the internet to research. In computing we will be using the Scratch app to begin to program a character and understand the need for exact instructions. In DT we will be researching weaving and planning our own weaving project and our RE focus this half term will be 'special stories' beginning with the stories that are special to us and giving reasons why.

Have a lovely half term break,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

What a busy week we have had in Hockney class! The children all worked so hard to do their very best in their assessments and we are really pleased with the progress they are making. Keep it up Hockney! As a bit of a treat for trying so hard and really pushing themselves in their assessments we spent Thursday and Friday of this week making our Anglo-Saxon clay pots. Hopefully many of you were able to see these during our work-share evening on Thursday. We then spent Friday having a computing day and developing our skills on scratch before being able to share our expertise and teach others.

Next term promises to be just as busy. We will start the term by diving into a short study of poetry in our English lessons. We will be focusing on performance poetry looking at Roger McGough and how his use of different poetic devices such as onomatopoeia and personification add to his poems and make them more powerful for the reader or listener. By the end of the week, we will be writing our own poems based upon his poem 'The Sound Collector'.

In maths, we shall be focusing on fractions of shape and of number. The Year 4s will then relate this to decimals and understand how to interchange between fractions and decimals. We will then begin to look at equivalent fractions. As we often discuss in class, fractions are one of those areas in maths that become much easier if we have a solid understanding of our times tables. As we shall not be setting any homework over the half term break, please do practise times tables up to X12 with your child as this will really help them with their fractions work when we return to school.

After the half term break we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. The Year 3s will swap with the Year 4s and they will attend forest school on a Monday afternoon whilst the Year 4s have their Anglo-Saxon topic lessons with Mrs Whittingham. Please remember that the children must come to school wearing their school uniform on top and wearing warm

leggings or trousers with a waterproof coat and sturdy footwear that you do not mind getting dirty.

In the first week back after half term we have World Book Day to look forward to which we will celebrate on the Friday of that week. Please do use half term to think really carefully about the character you might like to dress up as. What book are you reading at the moment? Could you come dressed as a character from the novel you are reading? Due to World Book Day falling on a Friday the French horn lessons for all Year 3 and for those individual learners have been moved to Wednesday morning.

As it is half term we shall not be setting any homework. Please do keep up with your reading and don't forget to use Doodle maths and English if you can.

We hope you have a really enjoyable and restful half term break ready to return to what promises to be an exciting and busy term.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

It's been a busy week in Hepworth, working around assessments whilst also giving the children opportunities to learn in a relaxing way. To this end, the children painted their Maya pots, and researched crops that the Maya cultivated, which will progress onto making Maya style food after half term. They also had time for light touch revision in Maths and spelling, as well as swimming, PE, Spanish (giving directions), PHSE and Science.

Some of the children also represented the school in Football, with matches for both the Boys and Girls teams in which the children did amazingly well (despite the weather).

English

After the half term holiday children will begin their study of a non-fiction book called 'Animals on the Move' and by the end of the unit they will use what they learn to create a fact file. For the first week, they will be doing some comprehension of the text and focussing on the difference between fact and opinion. Our writing booster and SPAG session includes some focussed work on speech punctuation and including dialogue in our writing.

Maths

Pupils will continue working on shapes as well as looking at ratio and scale to make numbers bigger or smaller, whilst keeping them in proportion – a very useful skill when following recipes! Towards the end of the week they will also look further at 3D shapes.

Other subjects

As mentioned above, in Topic children will be having a go at making their own Maya foods. In Science we will write up the results from our rust investigation which we didn't manage to do at the end of half term due to the wind day! We then begin our new topic - inheritance and evolution. We also have our World Book Day celebration on Friday (please note, this is not the same day as the 'national' day due to Monet class being out on that day. We will be doing some whole-school activities.

Finally, after school Netball club will be re-starting on the Monday after half term, and children will continue with swimming on Wednesdays, so please remember to send your children in with the appropriate clothing.

We hope you manage to survive the windy weather!

Have a lovely half term break, we look forward to seeing you all, feeling relaxed and refreshed.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd March	Monet – Fitness Fun @ Chalfont Community College. 9.30am – 11am
Friday 4th March	World Book Day PTA Tuck Shop
Thursday 10th March	PTA Meeting
Friday 11th March	PTA Film Club
Friday 18th March	PTA Cake Sale PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 22 nd March	Hepworth Dodgeball Event @ The Amersham School 1.30pm – 3pm
Friday 25 th March	Bikeability – Hockney Mother’s Day Event
Friday 1 st April	EYFS Spring Walk 9am PTA Easter Disco
Monday 4 th April	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Wednesday 6 th April	Hockney – Tri Golf @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 7th April	PTA Own Clothes day (return for a bring a bottle or chocolate)
Friday 8th April	Easter Egg Hunt Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 25th April	Children Return to School
Thursday 28 th April	Hepworth – Rounders @ The Chalfonts Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th May	Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 5 th May	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Thursday 12 th May	Hockney – Cricket @ The Chalfont Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Monday 16 th May	EYFS Stay & Get Physical 9am
Thursday 19 th May	Hockney – Tennis @ Dr Challoner’s High School 9.30am- 11.30am Work Share Evening 3.30pm - 5pm
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Tuesday 28 th June	Hepworth – Games @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday 30 th June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
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
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm