

Chenies School Newsletter

6th May 2022

Headteacher's News

The children enjoyed an assembly with Mrs Palfreman on Wednesday when they acted out the story of the Good Samaritan. At the end of the assembly she gave out packets of sunflower seeds, to all the children which are a gift from Chorleywood4Refugees to show support for the people of Ukraine. If your child has not already brought them home they will do so today, so please look out for them. I do hope that you all enjoy planting them and watching them grow!

School Lunches

Please can you remember to book your child's lunch by the Monday of the week before it is required. Also when booking school lunches please make sure you do not order something which your child is unable to eat for any reason. As our numbers are so small we have very limited flexibility and there have been a few incidences in the last couple of weeks when complicated adjustments have had to be made due to incorrect ordering.

E-Safety

I have updated the page on our school website about E-Safety for parents. There are a lot of links to other websites with useful information about how to keep your child safe online. Online safety is of course something which we cover in school but in an increasingly online world I know that as responsible parents you will also be talking regularly to your children about it and I hope that the links will be helpful for you.

Warmer Weather

I am pleased to see that the weather forecast is looking more promising for the next week. Please can you ensure that if the weather forecast does suggest hot and sunny weather your child has sunscreen on and brings a named sun-hat and water bottle to school.

Please remember:

- Friday 13th May – PTA Fitness Workshop
- To reply to the PTA about attendance at Chesham Carnival
- More plastic bottles and corks are still required

Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday

Dennis – 7th May

Jake – 8th May



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Thivaaniha	Alexander
Monet	Beatrix	Isheeta
Hockney	Amor	Renee
Hepworth	Aaron	Rosie

Class News

Van Gogh

It's been a quiet week, with the children enjoying and getting on with things. Next week the children will get some time with the current Yr1 class who they will join in Monet class in September. This will be a great opportunity for them to make new friends become familiar with children they will spend their next academic year with.

Phonics

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)
Week 4	Phase 4: Tricky words... <i>were, there, little, they, all, are</i> and <i>one</i> We will be learning about writing two syllable words e.g. lunch – box lunchbox desk – top desktop Wind – mill windmill

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.

Reading

It is really important that you continue 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, then 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, it is important the children are 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 then having a go.

Maths

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

We will also continue to consolidate recognition and ordering numbers to 20, subitise and understand 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 we started to read the story and acting it out. The children have done some amazing painting based on the illustrations. Next week we will continue to think about writing the story and looking closely at how Eric Carle created his illustrations.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: Thursday 12th May 2022 – Red House

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

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

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

Next week in Monet class, Year 2 will be undertaking their end of key stage assessments in maths and reading in the mornings. This is not anything to be worried about and all the children have had experience of having a go at the SATs booklets so there is nothing that they should feel anxious about.

In English, we will be continuing with our own stories working on correct punctuation and learning how to check and edit our own writing for spelling errors, punctuation, adding adjectives and ambitious verbs.

In maths, Year 1 will be adding to the next multiple of 10 and using this method to help them quickly add 1-digit numbers. They will also be subtracting by counting on to find a difference. Year 2 will also be continuing to subtract by either counting back or finding a difference and using this to solve word problems. All the children will also begin to recap the properties of 3D shapes.

In history we will be thinking about seaside holidays in the past and using what we found out from our homework to share and compare information. The homework will be to ask/interview a grandparent or older person about their experiences of seaside trips or holidays when they were little and find out as much information as possible. It would also be lovely to have some photographs of seaside holidays from the past to put on a display. I will put details of the homework on Google classroom.

In PSHE we will be thinking about how our likes and dislikes make us unique and to recognise how we may be similar and different to others in things that interest us. We will also be singing songs related to PSHE and our topic. In DT we will continue to look at good designs for lunchboxes and attempt to design and make our own (to deter seagulls) to hang on our 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' display.

Some of you might also be interested in an open air performance of *The Wind on the Willows*, by Kenneth Graham which is being performed by 'Red Kite Theatre' at Chiltern Open Air Museum on May 14th and 15th and at Wycombe Museum on May 28th and 29th. Monet class loved reading the book and all the topic work last term which was based around chalk streams so it would be a lovely day out I'm sure. Thank you to Joseph's mum for forwarding the information to me. [Outdoor Theatre - \(coam.org.uk\)](http://coam.org.uk)

Please remember to bring reading books back on Tuesdays and to bring in a water bottle daily for the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Another busy week in Hockney class! We were disappointed this week to not be able to swim on Wednesday afternoon as the pool still has some issues with their adjustable floor. We are very hopeful though that we should be able to swim next Wednesday. Please do remember to bring your kit with you.

Next week is SATs week and as such the children shall be sitting most of their assessments next week. There is nothing they need to do in order to prepare for this with the exception of getting plenty of sleep and eating a good breakfast each morning. We hope to finish all of our assessments on Thursday, in-line with the SATs. It will be a bit of a strange week next week with so many assessments going on throughout the school but there are some really

nice things to look forward to also. Our afternoons remain largely unaltered and we are excited about attending the cricket tournament next Thursday afternoon. If you have not yet replied about attendance then please do so as soon as possible and don't forget that all children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle with them. This is because we are going to have an early lunch in the classroom as the coach leaves at 12.30pm. Friday should be a normal day in Hockney class, with French horn planned for those in Year 3.

Homework this week is based around different English and maths games as a little bit of revision in order to help prepare your child for their assessments. Instructions of what to do are on Google Classrooms.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

This week (and last!) has been a bit different to the norm as we have spent our final lessons before year 6 take their SATs, revising topics the children have chosen, going over exam techniques and working through anything the children have wanted a final look at. We are incredibly proud of the hard work that year 6 have put into their revision - they have done so well. We would also like to say a big well done to year 5 who have been so patient during this time - working quietly and independently so we could focus on year 6. We can't wait to give you the focus and attention back in a few weeks.

Next week is, of course, SATs week for year 6. During the tests themselves, year 5 will be working independently and having some quality quiet reading time. As we have mentioned before, year 6 do not need to do any revision over the weekend. If there is anything they would like to do, there are some games and activity based websites on Google Classroom which they can access, but it is more important that they are refreshed and ready to take the tests rather than overworked and tired.

We do ask that this weekend and during the week itself, that year 6 get a good night's sleep (9-12 hours), eat a balanced diet (including drinking plenty of water) and spend time doing things they enjoy so that they are relaxed and positive each day.

A good breakfast is very important - Research shows that pupils and students who eat breakfast perform better in exams. For the best breakfast, include slow-release carbohydrates, such as whole rolled porridge oats, whole grain bread or low-sugar muesli, as they provide slow-release energy. Add a protein food, such as milk, yoghurt or eggs, to keep them feeling full for longer. If you think your child would eat it, include a portion of a food rich in long-chain Omega-3 fats, such as smoked mackerel, as they are believed to have brain-boosting properties!

This website has more information about eating well particularly in regards to exams. https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food_exam_performance

One of the best ways to maximise focus is to stay hydrated. Even mild dehydration can lead to tiredness, headaches, reduced alertness and diminished concentration. We encourage children to take a bottle of water into the SATs tests; a study of university students found that those who brought drinks, especially water, with them into the exam performed on average 5% better than those who didn't. Please ensure your child has their water bottle with them every day to enable this.

We know that your child will work their socks off in the SATs week - please continue to praise them for their hard work and efforts - they are all brilliant and we hope you are very proud of them.

During the afternoons of next week we will be undertaking a D & T project to design, build and test a vessel suitable for use on a river (to scale!). Please can you give your children anything that might prove useful for the actual building of the craft, such as plastic bottles, corks or anything else that is strong, yet buoyant. The children will also be having their PE and Spanish lessons (following the theme of cafes) as usual.

We will also be going through the summer production we have chosen with the children so they can consider the parts they would be interested, and then take home their audition script on Friday, ready to audition on Thursday 19th May. This is very exciting for the children, so do be prepared to start hearing the songs being sung and lines being repeated over the next month or two!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

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