

Chenies School Newsletter

4th March 2022

Headteacher's News

We have had an enjoyable start to this half term. The Chance to Shine cricket programme got off to a good start on Monday, Monet class enjoyed a session about the trout (which I'm pleased to say survived the power cut caused by the storm) and attended a fitness fun session at Chalfont Community College and of course World Book Day has been thoroughly enjoyed by all today! Thank you to all of you for the help you gave your children with talking about book characters and making costumes. Your child will be bringing home a World Book Day token today. Full details of how to use it are on the back of the voucher. I hope that the photographs below which show just how much the children have enjoyed working together in their houses today, completing science, art, music and geography learning, make you smile.



Doodle Learning Competition

To celebrate World Book Day's 25th anniversary, Doodle are running a competition where your child can win a bundle of books worth £20!

To enter the competition, simply share a photo of your child using Doodle while dressed as their favourite book character before Sunday 6th March.

To join in on Facebook, share your photo with the tag @DoodleLearningUK, ensuring its set to 'public view' and using the hashtag #WorldBookDay.

Or, to enter on Twitter or Instagram, share your photo using the tag @DoodleLearning_ and the hashtag #WorldBookDay.

For full terms and conditions, please visit doodlelearning.com/competition-terms-and-conditions.

If your child has been given access to Doodle Learning please continue to encourage them to use it for 5-10 minutes a day. We have seen from our assessment week data that children who have been using it regularly have made significant progress with their attainment levels.

Ukraine

Many children and adults are understandably feeling anxious about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The government have provided [useful information](#) for parents and schools in order to support discussions with children. I have also attached to this letter some guidance sent to me by the local authority to help parents discuss the events with their children.

BBC Newsround is designed for children age 6-12 years and the KS2 children have watched some episodes with me in assembly this week. There was then an opportunity for children to ask questions and we discussed their concerns in an honest and open way. I explained that [Newsround](#) is a reliable age appropriate source of news and includes positive news as well. You may wish to share Newsround with your children at home if you feel it would be beneficial for them. It also has a range of other resources to support children's understanding, including information about what they can do if they are concerned about anything they see or hear about the conflict.

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing during this time, please do not hesitate to speak to their teacher in the first instance.

Please remember:

- PE kits need to be in school on Monday for cricket
- Friday 11th March PTA Film Club
- Year 3 have Forest school on Monday
- To use your child's world book day token before 27th March

Message from the PTA

Film club next Friday and we'll be screening Encanto - please sign up via Classlist! Quiz night is also the following week on 18th March and we'd hate to have to reschedule again so get booking now please!

Have a lovely weekend.
Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday

Dhruv – 5th March

Lola B – 7th March

Srihan – 7th March



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Srihan	Senan
Monet	Joseph	Samuel
Hockney	Evie	Ethan
Hepworth	Fred	Charlie

Class News

Van Gogh

It has been a wet start to the term but the children have come back keen and ready to learn!

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. I have updated their reading records, please take note of their personal targets in their reading records. Please continue to share fiction and nonfiction books with the children.

Writing

The children are making great progress in their writing. It is now important that they are starting to confidently apply their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home, reminding 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

The children continue not only to recognise/order numbers but also to understand and apply them in different contexts and to solve problems. They have been learning about odd and even numbers and looking at patterns within a number line for example 1, 3, 5, 7, 9... we miss out a number each time.

This week we will be introducing Number 11 and 12 and look at how the TEN block holds it place.

Please work with the children to look for 3D shapes in the environment, for example a sphere has one curved face, it is round and can be rolled on the floor. A globe, ball, marble are all spheres.

Other shapes we will be learning about over the next few weeks are cylinder, cube and cuboid.

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.

This week we will be learning about the life cycle of a plant and learn to label the different parts.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: The next one is on Thursday 10th March 2022 – Blue House

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

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

The children in Monet class have had another fun-filled week. On Tuesday we welcomed Ceri Groves and Laura Silverstone (Arran's mum) from the Chilterns Chalk Streams Project to lead a fantastic session linked to our 'trout in the classroom' project. We found out about some of the creatures that live in chalk streams, what they need to survive and we worked together in teams to build our own habitat for one of the creatures in the wildlife area.



We also played a fun game to help us understand that only 5% of brown trout eggs survive the first year! We then enjoyed a super sensory story blindfolded. Thank you to Laura and Ceri for such a fantastic session.

On Thursday Monet class participated in 'Fitness Fun' at The Chalfonts Community College. They had a great time challenging themselves in a variety of individual and team activities and I was very proud of how well they listened, behaved and joined in enthusiastically.

In English next week we will be writing factual sentences about our trout, making flow charts using our own experience and first hand observation and using our class pack of books 'From Eggs to Brown Trout'.

In maths we will be measuring objects and finding a difference between two measurements, adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and finding a difference by counting up.

In science we will continue to look at habitats, in particular chalk streams, describe habitats and identify reasons as to why animals are suited to particular habitats. We will also be using chalk stream habitats to inspire us to create our own weaving in DT. If anyone has any brown/cream, blue or green wool or thin ribbon they could spare, please bring it into school, we would be very grateful.

In Geography we will be identifying and naming countries and capital cities of the UK and identifying where rare chalk streams are found and in RE we will be discussing morals in stories and why stories are important in religion.

Homework will be on Google classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

What a busy return to school we have had this week! The children have all returned full of enthusiasm for our learning which has been so fantastic to see.

This week in English the children have been studying the work of Roger McGough and have been learning how to incorporate poetic devices such as onomatopoeia and personification into their own poems. They were so excited to share their ideas and perform their poems to the class so please do ask your child about this.

In maths next week we shall be continuing to focus on recognising fractions in shape and in number. We will then be learning about the relationship between fractions and decimals and how we convert between the two before we then move on to learn about adding and subtracting fractions. If children have a strong command of their times tables it really does help them get to grips with fraction work and so please do what you can at home to help your child learn their tables up to x12.

Our science lessons will resume next week with the study of plants. We shall begin this new topic by learning what it is that plants must have not only in order to live but to thrive. We shall then begin to focus on how plants are able to transport water within them and what this means for their growth and eventual life cycle.

We are also looking forward to revisiting our music lessons and will begin this next week when we introduce the children to the genre of gospel music. We will be listening to and appraising the work of Bill Withers before trying to better understand the origins of gospel music and how this type of music has changed over the years.

Please do make sure that your child has a PE kit in school every day as we are lucky enough to take part in some special cricket coaching this term, taking place on a Monday. This is on top of our normal PE lessons and so it is really important that your child is able to fully take part each week by having their kit in school.

Homework has resumed this week for maths and English and is on Google Classrooms.

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term!

We've had a great first week back including our World Book Day celebrations today. The children have worked hard on scaling in Maths. Whilst in English they have been reading a non-fiction text, using what they have read to put forward facts and opinions in a discussion on animal migration, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Netball club also recommenced on Monday, with a view to attending a local league. Mrs Jones was impressed by the children's skills and enthusiasm. If you would like your child to join the Year 5/6 club please contact the office.

Next week we will be using our new text, 'Animals on the Move' to work through grammar and comprehension work and our SPAG session will focus on colons and semicolons for lists.

In Maths we will be working on converting measures, including metric and imperial as well as a focus on quadrilaterals towards the end of the week.

In Topic we are recreating Maya foods, using Mexican ingredients, to get a flavour of the Maya diet.

In Science, we have an exciting workshop booked with the Natural History Museum, who will be teaching the class remotely to kick start our new science topic for this half term - Inheritance and Evolution. We are looking forward to this! Our RE topic continues with looking at what Sikhs learn from Guru Nanak. In PSHE we will be looking at career choices and how these might be influenced

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

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