

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Headteacher's News

Last term the School Council asked for an area in school for children to go to during playtimes if they wanted to self-regulate their emotions. We looked through online catalogues of resources and identified some sensory toys to be added to the area. Using funds from the PTA, for which we are grateful, these were purchased and have now been put in the area just outside the hall. They have brought excitement and been well used this week; although maybe the constant rain has had something to do with an increased desire to be inside!

Trout

It is once again time for us to participate in the River Chess Association trout in the classroom project. This year Hepworth class will be taking responsibility for looking after them and releasing them back into the Chess at the end of the term. This is a wonderful and memorable opportunity for our children to learn about the natural world and looking after the environment. We are grateful to Mrs Silverstone for setting up the tank for us. They are in the fish tank by the hall so if you would like to have a look please do so at the end of the day.

Listening to Audio Books

The National Literacy Trust recently published a [new report](#) which explores how children and young people's listening habits have developed post-lockdown. The research reveals that nearly 2 in 5 (37%) of children and young people said they enjoyed listening to audio either 'very much' or 'quite a lot'.

Buckinghamshire Library Service enable you to [borrow audio books for free](#) which can be downloaded to the digital device of your choice. They are deleted from the device automatically at the end of the borrowing period so there is no risk of overdue fines! Please do encourage your child to make use of this opportunity. If you or your child are not already members of the library it takes just 5 minutes to create an [online adult account](#).

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was Eric Ravilious. Please do talk to your child about the artist of the week and encourage them to discuss with you their thoughts about the paintings and/or help them to choose an artist they particularly like which they can put forward to be the artist of the week.

PTA

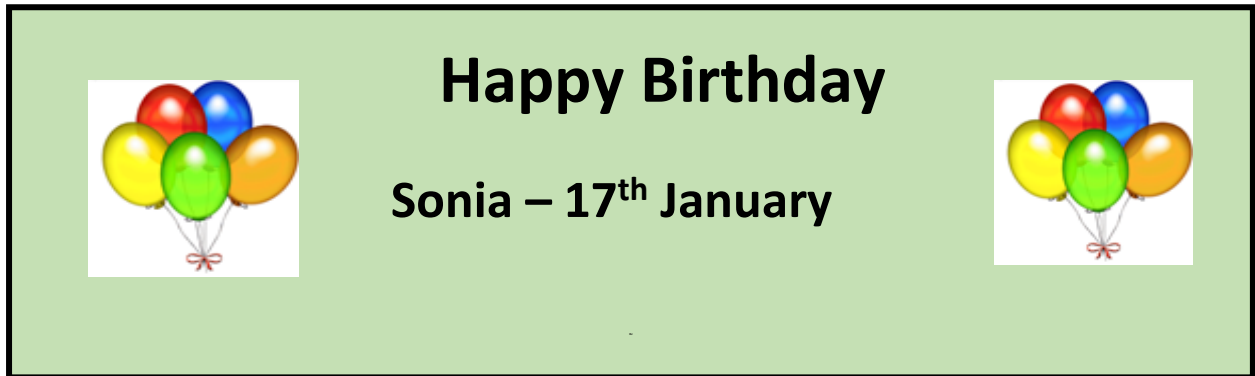
- Friday 20th January - tuck shop
- Friday 27th January - film club, booking is now open
- Friday 10th February - non-uniform day (in exchange for suggested £1 donation)
- Thursday 23rd March - Spring disco

Please remember

- Wednesday 18th - Hockney class swimming

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Lilly	Leo
Monet	Megan	Eliz
Hockney	Olivia	Arran
Hepworth	Kripa	Elora

Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	90%
Monet	88%
Hockney	93%
Hepworth	90%

Class News

Van Gogh

The children have come back and settled in well.

Phonics: This week we started Phase 3 phonics and the children just took it in their stride. 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 2	y, z, zz, qu	We will be introducing tricky words <i>he</i> and <i>we</i>
Week 3a		Capital letter

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 very excited about writing, they are discovering they can segment and blend to write simple words and sentences. This week we have introduced 'the word of the day'. The children have really enjoyed this, we pick a word and talk about the initial sound, how many syllables it has and think about 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 as a class. The children then independently write their own sentence using this information. It is a great way to build on their vocabulary and confidence in 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 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: This week we have re-visited Number Bonds of FIVE. The children have found this really tricky, we will keep revisiting this but would appreciate if you could work with the children at home as well. It is important they understand how a number can be partitioned e.g. 4
Next week we will be moving onto 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 corners 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.

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 Thursdays.

Thursday 19th January - BLUE HOUSE

REMINDERS:

Monday 23rd January 2023: Movement to Music @ Amersham 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

We've had a super week in Monet Class this week with the children getting especially excited about drawing their toys. They have produced some fantastic observational drawings!

In English and history next week we will be thinking about how we can find out about toys from the past and writing questions to ask grandparents or parents about toys they played with when they were children. The children will take home their questions during next week so they can enjoy interviewing and find out what family members used to play with. The children can share what they have found out throughout the following week. We will also be looking at the characters from the Chinese New Year story to help us generate ideas for our own retelling of the story.

In Maths next week we will be revising number bonds in Year 1 and using addition facts to help us add quickly, e.g. number bonds to 10, doubles and bridging 10 in both Years 1 and 2. Please practise doubles at home (to at least double 10) if your child is not yet confident with this.

In science we will be identifying the properties of materials, linking this to our toys topic and in DT we will be exploring 'winding up' mechanisms. We will eventually be making our own moving picture toy. Please could you save and send in any cereal (or cereal sized) boxes so we have enough to start making our toys in a few weeks. Please make sure that any boxes brought in have not contained any nuts or seeds as we do have nut allergies in the class.

Have a lovely weekend,

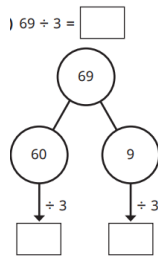
Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Maths

Year 3 will be focusing on division, dividing 2-digit by 1 digit number.

Year 4 will be multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit number and dividing 2-digit and 3-digit by 1-digit number.



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English

We will be continuing to read *The Iron Man* and look more closely at the characters, their feelings and relationships. Children will write a conversation between the characters. We have also been learning rules for punctuating direct speech.

Topic

We will be learning more about life during the Tudor times and Henry VIII's life in more detail. In computing, children have been creating their own mini clip using the programme *Scratch*. In RE, we will be covering Symbolism and we have been looking at our school badge. We discussed what it means to us; next week we will be discussing what symbols are important to us and why.

Children have enjoyed going to their first swimming session this week as a class. It was lovely seeing them happy and enjoying their time.

Have a lovely and restful weekend
Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

Hepworth have had a lovely first full week back in school, and we have all settled back into our routines. The children's behaviour continues to be excellent, and we are proud of them all.

Next week in English, we will continue studying our text 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. (So far, the children have really thrown themselves into the book, using drama and role play to understand the characters and context of the story.) Later in the week the children will be practising comprehension and the SPAG focus will be on the use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence. Our spellings focus will be time connectives.

In Maths, we will be moving onto unit and non-unit fractions, comparing, ordering adding and subtracting them. Whilst in Science (Forces) we will be investigating the effects of air resistance on the movement of objects.

For logistical reasons the children had a Spanish lesson this week rather than Computing as intended, so they will be starting their new unit in computing next week. They will be using Scratch to learn how to animate screens for story-telling.

Our PE lessons will continue with yoga, focussing on breathing whilst stretching, and understanding the different aspects of our bodies. We will also be looking at drawing again in Art, this time using pen and creating different effects.

In RE we will look at the differences in Christian, Jewish and Muslim stories of creation. Our PSHE lessons over the next few weeks will be about social media, following on from the great work the children did this week on being safe online. We will also understand more about the features of mountains in our Geography work.

We wish you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Friday 20th January	PTA Tuckshop
Monday 23 rd January	Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9am – 10.30am
Tuesday 24 th January	Monet 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 th January	Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball
Thursday 26 th January	Bucks School Nursing Team – R & Yr6
Friday 27th January	PTA Film Club
Thursday 2 nd February	Hockney 12.30pm -2.30pm DCHS Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 th February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 th February	Workshare Evening PTA Valentine Disco
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 20 th March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk
Friday 24 th March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 th March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 th March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Friday 31st March	Term Ends 1.30pm
Monday 17th April	Children return to School
Thursday 4 th May	Monet Games at Dr Challoner’s High School
Friday 5 th May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 nd May - Friday 26 th May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 th June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent’s Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent’s Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 21st July	11am Leaver’s Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic 1.30pm Term Ends