

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

Headteacher's News

This week was National Storytelling week and I have enjoyed telling the children lots of stories in our assemblies. They have stimulated lots of thoughtful conversation and discussion about how the stories can be interpreted and what they teach us. One that as hard working and busy parents you may enjoy is 'How Butterflies Came to Be'. You can find an online version [here!](#)

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Please do have a look at the top tips for parents and carers advice leaflet sent out with this newsletter.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet day and we will be using it as a further opportunity to educate the children about online safety. Parental influence, guidance and education have a significant and long lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. Resources for parents can be found [here](#) and please remember as a school we have subscribed to [The National College](#) for our parents to access training and regular safety updates.

Work Share Evening

All parents are invited to come and look at your child's work with them on Thursday 9th February from 3.30-5pm. This is a lovely opportunity for your children to show you the progress they have made and talk about their learning. Please remember although teaching staff will be present it is not meant to be a time for them to discuss individual progress. As always if you need to talk to the class teacher about a concern please arrange a separate appointment.

Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week was Mathis Gasser chosen by Jamie in Hockney class.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

Happy Birthday



Amor – 7th February



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Casian	Charles
Monet	Dhruv	Alice
Hockney	Omansa	Jamie
Hepworth	Jonathan	Charlie

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	95%
Monet	90%
Hockney	95%
Hepworth	89%

Class News

Van Gogh

This week it has been great to see the children wanting to write, draw and share ideas. I hope you will enjoy our displays at the workshare evening.

Phonics: This week we consolidated our previous sounds and started to learn the 'names' of eth letters (capital letters). We have reinforced throughout the week where capitals are used e.g. for a name or at the start of a sentence.

Next week we will continue to consolidate these as well introducing digraphs **ch, sh, th** and **ng**.

Week 3b	ch, sh, th, ng	Tricky words <i>she, me</i> and <i>be</i>
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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: 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.

Writing:

The children have made amazing progress in their writing this week. Please continue to reinforce segmenting and blending at home to help them be more confident when writing. Also, 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:

Next week we will be consolidating our number knowledge to seven and introduce number eight.

Topic: This week we have focused on the Chinese New Year story. We have been learning facts about rabbits and the children have done some amazing artwork. Next week we will be opening up a role play and the children will be focusing on creating their own Chinese dragon and fans. We will also start to look at Chinese food which will lead onto the first week back after term when we will be cooking stir fry.

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 Thursday.

Thursday 9th February - RED HOUSE

REMINDERS:

- STAY AND PLAY – Monday 6th February @ 1.45 – Art Class please be prepared to do some painting
- WORKSHARE EVENING – Thursday 9th February @ 3.20

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 another busy week in Monet Class working on our moving picture scenes in DT and writing non-fiction books in English. I'm sure the children are all very excited to share what they have been doing with you during our workshare evening next Thursday.

Next week we will be assessing the children in reading, writing and maths. This is absolutely nothing to worry about and there is nothing to prepare for. The children will have activities that they are all familiar and comfortable with and it will be based on their learning this term.

In maths next week we will be revising the days of the week and months of the year in Year 1 and in both year groups we will be practising to tell the time. Year 1 will be focusing on o'clock and half past on digital and analogue clocks and Year 2 will move on to quarter past, quarter to and five minute intervals.

We will also be carrying out our science experiment to test materials.

Please make sure your child is reading every day. I know many children in Year 2 also like to read their own books from home and this is great. Please encourage them to record what they are reading in their reading diaries.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

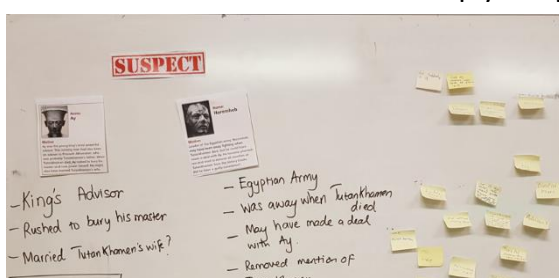
Maths

We have continued to be impressed with the children's understanding of lengths. Year 3 and Year 4 have both related their understanding of measurements to real life objects and have been able to give their measurements in equivalent lengths.

English

Children are now studying Tutankhamen in English. They have been looking back at historical facts and using this information to create a class incident board.

It has been lovely listening to range of suggestions from our detectives in class to who might have killed Tutankhamen. We will keep you updated with our investigation!



Topic

In History, children will be learning about food and drink during the Tudor Time and will be creating a Menu for King Henry's Banquet.

In RE, we will continue our class discussions about God. We have so far learnt about Hinduism and Christianity beliefs, next week we will discuss Islam. Next week in PSHE, we will be focussing on well-being. We will be introducing new ways of looking after or mental health.



This week in Art, children were looking at Tudor portraits. We looked at the history of Tudor portraits and what materials were used to create them. Children then created their own portraits and their finishing results were amazing.

In Design Technology we continued with the theme of Tudors. Children begun their own collage of a piece of Tudor clothing and after Half Term they will start to design and make their own miniature piece of clothing.

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and to complete homework set on Google classroom, any questions please let us know. There will be no spellings for next week, as we will be having assessments.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

We've had another great week in Hepworth! Well done to all the children who are working hard, being helpful and using their initiatives to be wonderful members of the class and school community.

Next week is our assessment week so we will be testing the children on their maths, writing and SPAG. Please ensure they get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to fuel them for the day!

As we have completed some of our assessments already, we will have time to do some maths work relating to percentages and some English written work linking to our text *Oranges in No Man's Land*. We will also have another writing booster session which the children are enjoying and our SPAG focus will be on commas. Our spelling rule will be words ending 'ence'.

Our foundation subjects will take place as usual in the afternoons. We have an exciting trout follow up session on Thursday afternoon and we are enjoying seeing them grow at the moment! In PSHE we will cover a bit more about photo editing and spotting fake images online.

In Science this week we will be learning about friction, whilst in Spanish we will be looking at the phonics of 'o' and 'au', and continue working on greetings and introducing ourselves. In Music we will be looking at how Music connects us with the environment, and in PE we will be connecting ourselves with our breathing in yoga!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Monday 6 th February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 th February	Workshare Evening
Friday 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 23 rd February	Hepworth trip to Rickmansworth Waterways Trust
Tuesday 28 th February	Van Gogh trip to Pizza Express, Beaconsfield
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 20 th March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk Monet trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thursday 23rd March	PTA School Disco
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
Friday 21 st April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
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
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
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