

Chenies School Newsletter

3rd December 2021

Headteacher's News

In assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about how the Christian season of advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. In school this week it has certainly felt as though that spirit of advent has been embraced, with plenty of joyous singing as the children prepare for the infant nativity and junior carol service. There has also been the making of Christmas decorations and the sound of Jingle Bells from some of our instrumentalists! The Christmas tree has arrived. Thank you to Van Hage for donating it, Mrs Crouch for collecting it, Mr Purvis for ensuring it remains upright in the stand and to the Year 6 children for decorating it.

Remote Learning

I would like to clarify the school's position on when remote learning will and will not be set. In the event of a child being fit and healthy but needing to isolate at home while waiting for a PCR result after displaying COVID symptoms or having a confirmed positive asymptomatic case of COVID we will provide remote learning, as per our [remote education provision statement](#). If however your child is at home because they are unwell they are not expected to be completing work and remote learning will not be set.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be taking place between 12pm and 3pm tomorrow. Thank you for all the donations that have been sent in this week.

Radio Christmas

Our year 6 children recorded a radio show for Radio Christmas a couple of weeks ago school. The show will be broadcast on Monday 6th December from 12-1pm on Radio Christmas. You can tune in at <https://radiochristmas.co.uk/> at the Listen Live button or you can Listen Again at <https://radiochristmas.co.uk/radio/listen-again/>.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and happy listening!

Please remember!

- Make your booking on ParentPay for the Christmas lunch
- To request your tickets for the EYFS and KS1 performances
- On Friday 10th December children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you at the Fair tomorrow.

Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday



Victor – 5th December

Van Gogh	Megan	Georgia
Monet	Beatrix	Sonny
Hockney	Olivia B	Rishabh
Hepworth	Joowon	Charlie

Class News

Van Gogh

Hope you have all had a good week! We are finally there... December and we have started to count down to Christmas.

Phonics

We are coming to the end of Phase Two, please continue to consolidate these sounds at home alongside the children's Phase 1 targets. We will continue to work on segmenting and blending, hearing initial/middle/end sounds and rhyme and consolidating Phase 1.

To support reading the children will be learning to sight read the tricky words alongside the sounds. Please use the material sent home last week in their reading pack to continue to reinforce these.

Maths

We have continued to work on mathematical vocabulary related to addition, learning how to read/write simple number sentences and make up stories using objects and drawings.

This week we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and will be consolidating all numbers to 5:

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.

- Number 5
- Counting out five - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals – Pentagon (five straight sides and five corners) Using/adding different combination of coins to make 5p – ordinal numbers 5th – Number formation - 5 'o'clock.

Subitise numbers to 5 – Number Bonds to 5, partitioning number 5 and finding the different combinations e.g. 1+4 2+3 3+2 4+1

- Children count 1-10 on a number track (Can say one more/less than a number)
- Days of the week – what come before... what comes after...?

Over the next few weeks we will be consolidating all the learning for numbers 1-5. Please support your child to continue to reinforce previous learning.

Topic

This week we have been learning about the importance of Advent in the Christian calendar, we have two advent calendar in the class so the children will be coming home with chocolate at some point. We have a busy few weeks ahead learning about the importance of Christmas, enjoying Christmas crafts, Christmas production and lots more.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL DATES: There will be no show and tell for the next two weeks.

The next one is on Thursday 6th January Blue House

Once again 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 a fun filled week decorating the classroom with snowflakes while practising their knowledge of halves and quarters and counting in 2s. We also made 'tricky word' paper chains and it was lovely to see the children working together as a whole class to try to make the longest paper chain they could!

Next week we will continue to write letters focusing on capital letters and question marks in English.

In Maths we will be confidently counting to 100, adding near multiples of 10, revising ordinal numbers (practise singing The 12 days of Christmas to help with this if you can!) and revising our number bonds to 10 and 20.

We will also be very busy with our dress rehearsal and two performances of our Christmas Play on Wednesday and Thursday. The children have all been working so hard with their lines and their singing and are very excited about performing to everyone.

We will also be continuing with our calendars and researching moving puppets/Christmas decorations to give us some ideas to create our own.

Home learning will be on Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week in Hockney class we will be continuing our work on autobiographies, focusing on how we describe feelings in an autobiography and revising the past and present tense.

In Maths we will be wrapping up our work on times tables and division facts, trying to better understand how we can use known facts to work out unknown ones. We will be looking at times tables in different contexts, solving problems with arrays, other visual representations and within word problems.

In Art and Design and Technology we have begun our sewing project. The children have begun to learn the basics of sewing such as how to thread a needle and a few basic stitches. We will then build up these skills to create a Christmas bookmark.

In Geography next week we will wrap up our work on the Nile, exploring the uses of the river Nile and how these have changed over time. We will study the impact the river has had on trade within Egypt and again how this has altered over time.

In PSHE, we will be focusing on what is respectful behaviour, learning how to respect ourselves and others around us. The children will then be able to identify in different scenarios what makes for respectful and appropriate behaviour.

Alongside our normal lessons we will be practising songs for our carol concert as Christmas has crept up on us! The children have been working really hard in these sessions and we have some beautiful singing voices in Hockney class!

We wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

The children in Hepworth Class have had a great and busy week. They have worked hard in so many areas of their learning and had an enjoyable time cooking yesterday!



Next week will be another busy week for them as we near the end of term.

On Monday, Year 5 will have Forest school in the afternoon - please ensure they have suitable shoes and trousers to wear (leggings or jogging bottoms) on the lower part of their clothing, with usual school uniform on the top half.

Both year groups will also complete the cushion they have been making on Monday, so please remind and encourage them to bring in any materials they would like to include on it.

English

It is assessment week for Year 6 next week. They will be assessed in their reading comprehension, grammar and spelling next week. Year 5 will focus on reading comprehension in class and different ways of answering comprehension questions about texts they read. Both year groups will complete some independent writing, based around WWII.

Maths

The focus for Year 6 will be assessments, which will include an arithmetic and two reasoning paper assessments. Year 5 will work on the objective of counting forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1 000 000. There will also be an opportunity to consolidate the children's learning of division and complete some problem solving questions relating to division.

Other subjects

There will be a focus on singing next week as we prepare for the KS2 carol service - expect some carol singing and humming at home!

We will also be having a Christmas craft day on Friday which will be for the full day.

In PSHE our work on knowing about appropriate and inappropriate touch will continue as we didn't finish this during the week just gone.

In Science, we will continue to explore how the circulatory systems fits together and works.

All children should also have taken home a letter about Secret Santa, along with a name of a child for them to buy a gift for. If your child hasn't spoken to you about this, please ask them about it and do contact us if you wish for any further details or information.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

Diary Dates

Saturday 4th December	PTA Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm
Wednesday 8 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 9 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Craft Day Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 th December	West End in Schools - Pantomime Dance Workshop
Wednesday 15 th December	Class Christmas Parties Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 17 th December	Term Ends 1.30pm PTA Film Club 1.30pm – 3pm
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY