

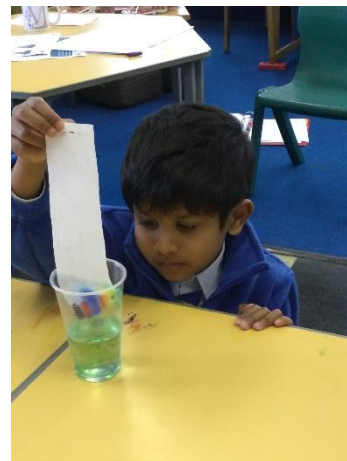
Chenies School Newsletter

18th March 2022

Headteacher's News

It really feels as though summer is on its way as the flower in school have sprung into life this week. With the help of Mrs Jennings we have started planting things in the greenhouse and the vegetable beds and the children have enjoyed watering our newly planted orchard. Whilst we encourage sharing and turn taking it would help if we had some additional watering cans so if anyone has a spare watering can at home which they can donate we would gratefully receive some additional ones.

The children have enjoyed an additional focus on science investigations this week and I hope that they will talk to you about what they have been finding out!



Charity Drawing Competition

Emmett's Genies is a local Aylesbury based charity that works with critically ill children and they have asked me to share news of a drawing competition with you. Their ultimate goal is to have a "wish village" for ill children and their families to stay at and make lasting once-in-a-lifetime memories. The drawing competition is open to children and young people aged 4-18 years old. It is to use their imaginations to design a villa that will be incorporated into their eventual wish village (there's no limits to their imagination) and the winners of the competition will have the designs incorporated into a virtual 3D model of the villa by Lynn Palmer Architects Ltd and then physically in the eventual wish village. If your child would like to enter the competition you can find out more about it on their [website](#). The competition closes on 14th April 2022.

Please remember:

- Hepworth Dodgeball festival at Amersham on Tuesday
- Children in Hockney class participating in Bikeability need their bikes in school on Friday

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was John James Audubon chosen by Mrs Walker. As a self-trained artist, naturalist and ornithologist he became well known for painting detailed illustrations of The Birds of America. Maybe if you hear the words "I'm bored" this weekend you could encourage your child to use his work as an inspiration to draw their own picture of a bird – the staff would love to see them!

Have a lovely weekend.
Suzanne Powell

Reminders from the PTA

- Tonight's quiz is cancelled.
- Next Friday - don't forget to bring in £3 to purchase a **Mother's Day gift**, or pay via Classlist.
- Booking is now open for **Burger Bingo** on 1st April - please sign up via Classlist.
- **Easter fundraiser** on the afternoon of 8th April will definitely go ahead so please put it in your diary.
- Please fill out the **Chesham Carnival** form [here](#) to register your interest.
- We're recruiting for Trustee and Co-Secretary positions. If you are interested or would like more information, please email pta@chenies.bucks.such.uk asap!



Happy Birthday
Aiyanna - 21st March



STARS of the week

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| Van Gogh | Electra | Georgia |
| Monet | Omar | Omansa |
| Hockney | Amelia R | Marcel |
| Hepworth | George | Aakanksha |

Class News

Van Gogh

As it was Science Week, we have been busy doing science experiments. The main focus has been following instructions and making predictions. The children have enjoyed making 'Raisins Dance' and learnt about sinking and floating. They created their own 'Rainbows' as they watched the kitchen roll absorb the water and their rainbow colours move up the paper. The grand finale was 'The Volcano' the children looked how to make a volcano eruption by using items from around the house.

Phonics

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| Week 4 | Introducing... - ew (chew) ue (glue) u-e (cube) ph (photo) |
| Week 5 – 6 | Consolidating and applying all sounds learnt to date. |

Please continue to consolidate all Phase 2/3 sounds especially the digraphs and trigraphs as it is important the children are able to identify these in words and apply them in their writing.

Reading

We continue to focus on Non – Fiction books, we will be comparing them to Fiction books and looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

Please take note of the children's personal targets in their reading records and continue to share fiction and nonfiction books.

Writing

This week our writing focus will be instructions. We will be writing up our experiments from last week and learning about the importance of instructions being in the correct order.

The children will continue to write in their environment during their learning and play about pictures their amazing constructions, in the Chinese Restaurant taking orders to eat in and takeaways.

It is important the children are confidently applying 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

We will continue to recognise/order numbers, understand and apply them in different contexts and to solve problems.

This week we are introducing number 15 and 16. We will look at how the TEN block holds it place for example 15 is one TEN and five more... 16 is one TEN and four more. We will continue to revise number bonds of five and ten.

The children will continue 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, cuboid, and cone.

We will be re-visiting doubling and halving and consolidating how it is the opposite for example, double four is eight. Half of eight is four. We will also look at how halving means to share between two.

Our snack shop continues to be a success with the children paying for their snack using 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins and starting to compare different values by identifying things that are worth more/less.

The children have also been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock, over the last few weeks we have look at the key features of a clock, clock face, hour hand and minute hand. They have learnt how to tell o'clock and over the next few weeks we will be introducing half past.

Topic

It's Mother's Day next Sunday so we will be spending the week being creative 😊

We will continue to compare seasons, look at changes in the environment overtime and learn about the life cycle of a plant.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: The next one is on Thursday 24th March 2022 – Red House

Stay and Walk Friday 1st April 2022

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 have had another busy week in Monet Class writing our non-fiction chalk stream books while finding out about the creatures that live in this habitat and painting the stages of a brown trout life cycle. We have also been taking full advantage of the beautiful weather by going on a 'seasonal change' drawing walk around the school with our art books, spotting lots of frogs in the pond and experimenting with capacity and litres in maths.

Next week we will be continuing with our non-fiction books, creating a front cover, a blurb and even a contents page. We will be making sure that we have included all the important features that non-fiction texts need such as headings, pictures, labels, captions and very importantly putting capital letters in the correct places.

In maths we will continue to collect data, create block graphs and interpret them. Year 1 will then be practising adding and subtracting multiples of 10 and in Year 2 we will be revising multiplication and division with the use of arrays.

In DT we will be completing our weaving, taking it off the loom and deciding how we will present it and we will be carefully watching our trout. Unfortunately we do not have as many as we started out with but the children will carry on taking it in turns to feed them, check their water and the temperature of the tank.

In RE we will continue to look at stories Jesus told and what we can learn from them, relating them to our everyday lives.

Homework will be on Google classroom. Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

What another busy week we have all had in Hockney class! This week has marked British science week and we have been conducting some experiments using celery to help us better understand how plants function. We are also attempting to grow some sunflowers from seed so that we may watch them as they develop and investigate the best conditions for plant growth.

We are hoping to send the sunflowers home just as we break up for Easter so please do have a think as to where you might be able to plant your child's sunflower.

In English this week we began our work focusing on the Shang Dynasty within the context of studying non-fiction texts. The children were really engaged and very good at identifying where appropriate information is located on a page and using scanning and skimming techniques to only record the necessary information. Next week, we shall continue with our work on the Shang Dynasty by revising how to appropriately group information into paragraphs and then turning this grouped information into a non-chronological report. We shall begin writing our reports next week before we carefully edit them taking on the feedback of our peers to ascertain whether or not our information is easy to locate and understand.

In maths next week we are continuing our work on fractions, specifically focusing on subtracting different fraction amounts for Year 4 and the Year 3s will be looking at ordering and comparing fractions of a set of objects.

In science we will continue our study of plants but begin to move on to focus on pollination and seed dispersal. After this, we shall change our focus slightly to study physics and different states of matter such as the difference between solids, liquids and gases.

Next week is also the week that we shall swap over the Year 3 and 4s and the Year 4s will spend the next 3 weeks learning how to play cricket on a Monday morning instead of the Year 3s who will have maths with Mrs Whittingham. We will also have our 'Bikeability' day on Friday of next week and so please don't forget to come to school with your bike (!) and helmet if you have signed up to take part in the training on this day. We shall again take it in turns, so the Year 4s will have the first session whilst the Year 3s enjoy their French horn lessons and then we will swap over after break.

Lots to look forward to next week!

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

The weeks are flying by in Hepworth, and we are all enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings now that the days are getting longer. The children are continuing to work hard and challenge themselves in class.

Next week in English children will start writing a report regarding animal migration, based on the book *Animals on the Move*. Towards the end of the week, we will be doing some focussed comprehension work based on generating evaluation questions, distinguishing between literal fact and personal opinion when asking and answering questions, and answering evaluation questions using personal experiences and reference to the text. Our SPAG focus is on cohesions both within and across paragraphs, including looking at adverbials, repetition and pronouns. Our spelling rule is looking at words beginning with 'sus' and 'al'.

At the start of the week in Maths, the children will learn how to calculate the area of shapes other than rectangles. They will use this knowledge to solve word problems, whilst at the end of the week, they will be covering angles - including calculating angles and angle sums for shapes.

In Topic we will be looking at trade and transport in the Maya civilisation, as well as making hot chocolate Mayan style, now that the 100% pure chocolate has finally arrived! Whilst in Spanish the children will be accessing a language website, *Languagenut*, on the laptops.

In Science our focus turns to adaptations that animals have made to help them survive in their changing environment after finding out a bit about this in our online workshop presented by the Natural History Museum. Our RE lesson is about Saint Teresa of Kolkata and in PSHE we will be exploring the different routes into jobs, e.g. apprenticeships, college and university as well as life experience.

Finally, the children will be having lots of opportunities to keep fit this week. In addition to our usual daily mile and PE lessons, Year 5 will learn cricketing skills on Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday afternoon we will be going to Amersham School for a dodgeball session. Netball club will meet on Monday after school, and participate in a local school tournament on Tuesday. In swimming the children will be demonstrating their skills and being assessed, now that their lessons are drawing to a close, and, if your child is in either group 1 or 2, please remember that they will need to bring pyjamas in for their assessment.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the brighter weather that has been forecast!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 22 nd March | Hepworth Dodgeball Event @ The Amersham School 1.30pm – 3pm |
| Friday 25 th March | Bikeability – Hockney Mother's Day Event |
| Thursday 31 st March | Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm |
| Friday 1 st April | EYFS Spring Walk 9am PTA Burger Bingo |
| 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 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 |
| Saturday 11 th June | Chesham Carnival |
| 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 |