

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2020

Headteacher's News

Remote Learning

As you are aware we had to close Monet Class on Tuesday and the children and staff self-isolating. I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to successfully put our remote learning plan into action and are using google classroom to provide daily learning tasks and two opportunities a day for children to have virtual face to face contact with Miss Blakeley. This is already an improved and very different experience for the children in comparison to our provision during the last lockdown. I have had the opportunity to deliver teaching online and been able to see first-hand how excited the children have been by it. It is enabling them to connect positively with the staff and other members of their class on a daily basis.

At the end of next week we will be asking for feedback from staff, parents and pupils about what aspects of the remote learning have been most successful and suggestions for improvements. Please feel reassured however that in the event that we have to close any other bubbles we are prepared to put remote learning in pace with immediate effect.

Please could all parents ensure that your child is able to access google classroom at home and if they cannot please contact the school so that we can support you. All children in KS2 currently have home learning set on google classroom and I would like parents to ensure that they have submitted a response to it. In doing so we know that children will be able to access their learning in the event of not being able to school. I will be contacting the parents of children who have not submitted anything on google classroom next week to discuss the support we can offer. Instructions for connecting to google classroom and submitting work can be found [here](#) on our website.

Social Distancing

Please can I remind all parents that there is a national requirement to remain socially distanced. We are very fortunate in that the turning circle has assisted us a great deal in this respect. I would however like to encourage all parents to stay in their cars when collecting and dropping off children, unless they need you to assist with their seatbelts. Not only does this assist with social distancing but will also speed up the process and reduce the need to queue along the road. It also helps traffic flow and road safety if parents are able to arrive at the turning circle via Bedford Close and then leave by Latimer road (past The Bedford Arms).

If you are collecting your child on foot please could you form a 2m socially distanced queue along the path rather than gathering around the gate. This will help protect all of us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Flu Vaccines

Due to Monet Class being out of school next week the school nurses will now come in to administer the flu vaccinations on Wednesday 2nd December.

Film Club

If your child is attending a film club next week please collect them from the turning circle in the usual way at 5.00pm.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Suzanne Powell

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh

It has been an eventful week, but the children have taken it all in their stride.

Phonics: We will continue to focus on rhyming and oral segmenting and blending and would encourage parents to help their children by sharing books with rhymes and playing games to help them learn to orally segment and blend simple words.

Even though we have worked through Phase 2 in phonics and would appreciate if you could continue working with your child to consolidate these sounds. This week the children have been working on **ee, igh** and **ow** (as in snow). The children have found these quite so we will be re-vising them next week. Digraphs and trigraphs are tricky sounds, so please continue to learn and reinforce them. The children will continue to also work in their ability groups on their specific sounds/targets.

Reading: Please continue to share books your children as well as hearing them read and learning the tricky word sets highlighted in their reading record. If you have not read the books and would like to keep them a bit longer, please put a note in the wallet. Please could you ensure that wallets are bought into school on Friday together with reading books so that we can change the books for the following week.

Math: Number three has introduced the children to lots of mathematical concepts and vocabulary. Next week we will finish our journey off with consolidating adding two parts (one and two) to make one whole (three), for example $1 + 2 = 3$ and $2 + 1 = 3$. Before we meet FOUR!

Mind Up: This week we looked at mindful listening and the importance of having a key focus. Next week we will be looking at mindful seeing, when we will look at something and talk about what we see, before taking a closer look.

Topic: The children are enjoying the new topic, with the role play area set up as a Diwali house. Over the next few weeks, the children will get an opportunity to create their own rangoli patterns, dress up in traditional garments, learn about the Goddess Lakshmi in Hinduism and learn the story of Rama and Sita. Sadly, the children will not be able to taste Indian food due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.

Sports Festival: Around this time of year the children normally get invited to Sports Festival at one of the local secondary schools. This year we are holding the festival at Chenies and the children have been learning a variety of playground games through this week. We had great fun learning the scissor, criss cross and duckie jumps, ask them to model and have a go yourselves. We will continue with this through next week as well.

Walks:

Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies (to be left in school) and a coat, as we do often go for walks and spend a lot of our day outside.

SHOW & TELL DATES: Red House – Friday 27th November 2020

I know with the current situation things are different, but please if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay 🌸

Monet

I'd like to start by saying how impressed I am by the children in Monet this week. I have had such lovely photographs and pieces of work sent to me to show the completed home learning tasks and it's clear that the children are trying really hard. It is a learning curve for all of us but so far I think that the last few days have worked well. Thank you for your positive feedback messages, it's much appreciated!

I have loved seeing the children during our Google meets this week. These sessions will be used for the children to ask any questions, go over the learning tasks and share/show their work if they would like to. If they just want to join to say hello and see the class, that's great too.

Next week our main focus in English will be poetry. We will be reading, performing and writing our own poems. Monet Class is fantastic at poetry so I can't wait to see what they will do. In Maths we will be looking at missing number symbols, adding multiples of 10 and revising fractions of shapes. In Topic we will continue to focus on maps.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you next week online!

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week in Maths the children of Hockney will look at working out subtraction using the column method.

In English, they will start their poetry topic, reading and discussing poetry, structure, wordplay and creating some of their own.

In Science the children will be learning about the magnetic poles, and what North and South mean.

In Geography, the children will look at how land is used in settlements.

For History, the children will now take what they have learned so far, and explore history through art and DT projects.

Hepworth

It has been another great week in Hepworth with lots of hard work and positive attitudes to learning. We hope it continues throughout the rest of the term as we approach Christmas.

Year 5 - please remember there is Forest school on Monday afternoon, so wear trousers and bring a different jumper.

English

In English we are continuing our work on Greek Myths - exploring the themes and language in the texts and using our comprehension skills. In SPAG we will look further at past simple and present perfect verb tenses. Our spelling words will include Words ending with /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que.

Maths

Maths this week continues with the development of our multiplication skills. We will be learning and consolidating our work on long multiplication. Times tables are so important at the moment and it really shows in class when children know these - they are able to solve questions and see patterns a lot faster and with more confidence. Please do support your child learning these and do get in touch if you would like further guidance with how to help.

Other Subjects

We will be completing the construction of our periscopes in Science and finding out more about reflection. In RE we will continue to find out more about pilgrimages.

In topic we will continue to learn about Alexander the Great and explore how the Olympics began. Our PSHE work includes looking more at relationships and commitments that people in relationships may choose to make.

There are still a few children who are not completing their homework each week on Google Classroom. Please ensure that you support your child with accessing and completing this work each week.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Inset Day	Tuesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Wednesday 2 nd September
Terms Starts	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	26 th – 30 th October
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd November
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December @ 1.30pm

Spring Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 19 th April
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July @ 1.30pm