

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Headteacher's News

It has been a good start to the half term and I am pleased that despite the National Lockdown we are still open. We are introducing an artist and composer of the month to the children and will be encouraging them to find out what they can about them. If your child wants to do some research at home and complete a piece of writing or picture either about them or inspired by something they did we will add it to the display boards in the main corridor. This month's composer is Beethoven and the artist is Henri Rousseau.

### An Amazing Achievement

Attached to this newsletter is an article that is going to appear in the December edition of Your Chesham. Isobel has written a book entitled **Adventurous Guinea Pigs Visit the Stone Age** in collaboration with a neighbour during the first lockdown and it has now been published. I am fortunate enough to have had a sneak preview of the story and can thoroughly recommend it. It can be purchased [here](#) but if you would like to order a copy through school please contact the office and you can do so without paying postage. Isobel will be donating some copies to the school library.

Congratulations to Isobel on this wonderful achievement which I hope will inspire some of our other budding authors in school to keep on writing!

### Chiltern Toy Bank

If you would like to donate a toy to the Chiltern Toy Bank to be given to families in need at Christmas please could you send it to school on Tuesday morning? The toy does not have to be new but should be in good condition. Mrs Silverstone's car will be in the playground on Tuesday morning and we will be able to put the toys straight into the boot of her car.



**Happy Birthday**  
**Sonny – 6<sup>th</sup> November**



## **PTA NEWS – CHENIES SCHOOL LOTTERY**

There are only 8 days to go before the first draw of Chenies School lottery. This is being run through a national scheme called 'Your school lottery'. You can sign up from as little as £1 per week. There is a weekly draw with a guaranteed prize for someone in our lottery PLUS the chance to win the national jackpot of £25k and for this half-term also the opportunity to win a Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle!!

All parents, teachers and friends of the school (16 or over) are welcome to sign up. Please note the payment is deducted monthly rather than weekly. You can cancel at any time. Our first draw is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November and you can sign up immediately at:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/chenies-school>

### **School Sports Activities**

Whilst we are still unable to participate in inter-school events with our fellow primary schools within the School Sports Partnership, we are still able to enjoy the activities that were planned.

On Tuesday this week, Hepworth Class spent the afternoon developing their basketball skills. There were different activities for the children to have a go at, before playing some mini 'intra-class' games, putting their skills to the test.

Monet Class also had an extra sports afternoon this week, when they participated in 'Multi Skills' on Thursday. The children practised six different skills throughout the afternoon, whilst also developing group work and turn-taking. The activities were based on target throwing, skipping, jumping, balancing and ball dribbling.

Both classes impressed Mrs Tillyer with their enthusiasm, focus and the developed skills throughout the sessions.

Van Gogh, will be next to participate in a School Sports Festival, when they will learn and develop new Playground Games - details to follow in due course.

Enjoy your weekend at home!  
Suzanne Powell

# INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

## Van Gogh

I hope you all had a restful half term. The children have come back to school keen and ready to learn.

**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 **qu – ch - sh**. The children will continue to also work in their ability groups on their specific sounds/targets, which I will be putting out on google classroom next week. So please if you have not accepted the invitation on google classroom, please could you log in so that work can be allocated for you to access and support your child.

**Reading:** Please continue to share books your children as well as hearing them read. If you have not read the books and would like to keep them a bit longer, please put a note in the wallet.

**Math:** This week we have been focusing on ONE MORE than a number and ONE LESS than a number. Next week will re-visit **combining** ONE and ANOTHER ONE you make TWO. We will be using this to introduce addition, doubling and halving.

**Mind Up:** We continue to think about when times when we have been mindful and unmindful.

**Topic:** This week the children have created some amazing artwork based around the text Leaf Man by Lois Elhert. The children had fun using leaves, pinecones twigs, bark, foliage, and flowers to create pictures of their pets, family members and teachers.  
Next week our focus will be Remembrance Day.

### **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: Blue House – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

It has been lovely to hear about the children's activities during half term and reading their written recounts this week. They have settled back into the school routine beautifully.

Next week in English we will be identifying and using adjectives, creating a catchy slogan and looking at the suffixes 'ful' and 'less'. We will also be thinking about how to use commas correctly to separate items in a list.

In Maths we will be practising our doubles, revising the days of the week and months of the year and adding or subtracting 10,11, 20, 21 using number squares and in our head. Please practise doubles to at least double 10 at home if your child is not yet secure with them.

In Science we will be focusing on weather, rainfall and temperature. We will begin to record this as a class. We will be thinking about Remembrance Day, making poppies and talking about showing respect and in RE we will be moving on to finding out about special occasions for Christians.

Please remember to return reading books on Monday and to bring a water bottle every day.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

Hope everyone has had a restful half term.

Next in Maths the children of Hockney will continue working on using mental strategies and hopefully be ready to move on to written methods.

In English, they continue with the non-fiction topic, where they will be looking at the history or Chenies, and write an informative leaflet about it.

In computing children will continue to learn how to more effectively use search engines like Google.

In Science the children will be investigating magnets, their properties and their effects on objects.

In history they will continue to look at the lives of people during the Iron Age and comparing it with modern life and the Stone Age.

In geography, the children will look at designing their own early settlement, taking into consideration resources that they would need.

## **Hepworth**

The children have all returned from half term, refreshed and raring to go for the rest of this busy half term.

Next week we will be learning about the following:

### **English**

We will continue exploring Greek Myths and the morals they portray. We will develop our inference skills when reading the myths and explore the feeling of characters.

To mark Remembrance Day, we are going to read and explore the poem 'Dulce et Decorum Est'. We will then write a narrative based on the events in the poem. In our SPAG session we will be learning about how to use semi-colons in our writing. Our spelling rule is words with the /ei/ sound spelt ei, eigh or ey).

## **Maths**

Column Subtraction will be our focus in maths next week. We will be using increasingly larger numbers to subtract and be developing our use of borrowing or regrouping. We will also be solving problems using our subtraction skills.

## **Other subjects**

We will be completing our art unit by creating our own abstract picture of a planet, using some of the techniques learned this term.

Our history unit learning about the Ancient Greeks will start next week when we find out who the Ancient Greeks were, where they fit into the historical timeline and what they left for us. In Science we will be starting our unit on Light. Our RE work sees us exploring pilgrimages made by Muslims. PSHE this week sees us exploring gender identity and everyone's right to be loved. In PE we will continue to practice and aim to speed up our fitness circuit activities.

We hope you have a good weekend!

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

## **TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021**

### **Autumn Term 2020**

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

### **Spring Term 2021**

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

### **Summer Term 2021**

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