

Chenies School Newsletter

22nd October 2021

Headteacher's News

I would like to begin this week's letter by saying how proud I am of all our children and the effort that they have put into their learning this half term. There has been plenty of fun this week; Van-Gogh enjoyed a multi-skills event at Amersham School, Hepworth class enjoyed an Ultimate Frisbee event at DCHS and Florence Nightingale visited Monet class.

I realise it has also been a busy week for you as parents and I would like to thank all of you who have collected your children from the sporting events and, attended reading workshops and parent's evenings this week. The PTA's Halloween disco was also a highlight for many children and I would like to express my thanks to all of the parents who contributed to the organisation and running of it.

School Roof

On Saturday work will begin on replacing the school roof on the old part of the building. This work was due to have been started just before the summer holiday but due to a number of factors has unfortunately been delayed. The work is expected to take eight weeks and be completed on the last day of term. There will inevitably be some disruption to the normal routines with some restrictions to where children will be able to play and enter and exit the building. It may also be necessary at some points during the term to relocate one of the classes to the school hall for their lessons. I will be working closely with the contractor to organise the work in such a way as to ensure the minimum disruption possible.

Please Remember!

- Secondary school applications for children in Year 6 must be submitted by 31st October 2021
- Monday 1st November is an INSET day
- Flu vaccinations are taking place on Thursday 4th November

I wish you all a very enjoyable half term.

Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday
Sienna – 24th October
Oliver B – 1st November
Renee – 1st November



Van Gogh	Dhruv	Arlo
Monet	Rocky	Lola
Hockney	Dennis	Jonathan
Hepworth	Blessy	Daniel

Class News

Van Gogh

It was lovely seeing and talking to you all at parents evening. Thank you for all your support and kind words!

We are finally there, and I know that everyone is ready for a break!

The highlight of this week was the Multi Skills Sports Event at Amersham School. The children enjoyed the coach ride, they took the whole experience in their stride joining in with all the activities but most importantly making me and Chenies School very proud. It was also great to see how proud the children were to complete their first piece of writing, which I am sure they will be very excited to share with you on the work share evening in November.

Phonics

Next term we will be consolidating Phase 1 and would appreciate if you could continue to work with the children on their Phase 1 targets. Our key focus will be segmenting and blending to read and write CVC words.

Maths

Throughout we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and will revisit:

- Number 1 - Counting out one - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals – Circle (One curved side) – 1p coin
- Number 2 – Counting out two – Representing two - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals

We will introduce: Semi Circle (One curved side and one straight side) – Practical addition (introduce number sentences $1+1=2$) Double one equals two – 2p coin ($1p + 1p$) – Talking about pairs

Topic

Our new topic is Light and Dark. We will be talking about routines and different times of the day. With Fireworks at the end of the first week we will be making our own fireworks and talking about firework safety.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL DATES: Thursday 4th November – Yellow House

JUNK MODELLING: We are collecting boxes, container, rolls etc. for our junk modelling box, please could you save these things for school rather than putting them out for recycling... thank you!

Once again thank you for your ongoing support! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great half term and I look forward to seeing you back in Autumn Two!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

We've had a great end to the half term in Monet Class with an exciting Florence Nightingale Workshop run by Freshwater Theatre Company. All the children loved it, engaged brilliantly and enjoyed asking 'Florence' lots of questions. I was very proud of the way they shared their knowledge and understanding of Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War and took part in the activities with enthusiasm.

The workshop ended with a question for the children to research...

What is the name of the type of chart that Florence Nightingale helped to develop?

I look forward to hearing your answers after the half term break.



After half term we will be learning about Fact Files in English, writing recounts and revising our sentence punctuation. In Maths we will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, revising odd and even numbers and finding halves and quarters of shapes. We will be thinking about keeping safe on Bonfire Night and reminding ourselves why we remember Guy Fawkes. We will also be beginning preparations for our Christmas Play!

Have a lovely break and keep reading lots!

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Before we tell you what we are getting up to after half term we just wanted to mention how fantastic the children have been during assessment week. They have worked so hard and been really sensible. We are really pleased with them.

We have a slightly shorter week when we return after half term as Monday will be an INSET day. Our focus in Maths when we return will be continuing to look at adding 2 and 3-digit numbers crossing boundaries using mental strategies and continuing to look at column addition using a number of exchanges.

In English we will be continuing to look at journalistic features of non-fiction writing. We have also begun to study prefixes and suffixes to understand the impact that these have upon the meaning of words. This will be our focus in our spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons for the next few weeks.

In Science we will move on from our study of skeletons and the digestive system to focus on identifying the different teeth that humans have and the functions of each of these teeth. We are focusing on trying to better understand the role teeth play in the overall digestive system and what the impact of not looking after our teeth can have on our overall health.

In PE we have been building up our skills of curling, stretching and control to the point that we can now apply this to using apparatus. The children have begun using the horse apparatus to perform different jumps at a variety of heights. We will begin to incorporate all these different skills to create a sequence.

We shall not be setting any homework over half term. We hope you can all enjoy a well-deserved break and come back ready and refreshed for the new term.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

After such a great first half term with the children in Hepworth Class we are looking forward to all that next half term will offer.

The children have worked incredibly hard since September and they are all ready for a well-deserved break over half term.

After half term, we look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

English

We will move our focus to a non-fiction text called 'What is Blood For?', which will link well with our science unit next half term. We will be developing our comprehension skills of using the text to find answers and scanning for specific information, before exploring the features of a report text. In our grammar lessons we will be looking at linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and number. Our spellings will be homophones and our 5 extra focus words are: medicine, neighbour, rhyme, sausage, scissors.

Maths

Our work on column addition will be completed at the start of the week when we explore using money and solving problems. As the week progresses the focus will move to subtraction strategies and the use of column subtraction method.

Other subjects

Spanish next half term will focus on music. We will begin to explore the Spanish terms used for different music types, asking and answering questions about our musical likes and dislikes. In Science our unit shifts to 'Animals including Humans' with the main focus on how the body functions. Our first lesson will be exploring the composition and function of blood. In computing we will be looking at how to record our own radio advert and exploring the software needed for this. We will also be making a start on our gas mask boxes. In RE we will be looking at whether we can live in harmony even though we are all different. In PE we will be starting our dance unit looking at the Lindy Hop dance which was popular during war times.

We mentioned to the children about visiting the Imperial War Museum in London over half term, as so many of the children have enjoyed the topic. It's free to enter and could be a fun family day out!

We have so many exciting things planned for this upcoming half term.

As ever, please do continue to speak with us in school or via the school office email address if you have anything to discuss with us. Have a fantastic half term break.

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

Diary Dates

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term
Monday 1st November	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am
Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 17 th November	Rovings Book Fair – all day
Thursday 18 th November	Hepworth trip to Holdenby House
Thursday 18 th November	Monet Multiskills Event at Dr Challoner's
Thursday 18 th November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 24th November	PTA Wreath Workshop
Tuesday 30 th November	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Friday 3rd December	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 4 th 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
Wednesday 15 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 17 th December	Term Ends 1.30pm