

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

Headteacher's News

It has been fantastic to welcome all the children to school this week. I am pleased to say that they have all been smiling and settled well, even though many of them are noticeably tired by the end of the day. For this reason I have asked the teachers not to set homework for the rest of this term other than reading for pleasure. The children will continue to adjust to the routines of in-school learning next week and then the week beginning 22nd March will be an assessment week.

School Reports

We will be sending your child's annual school report home on Monday 29th March. These will inform you about what your child has already achieved this year and what they will be working on during the summer term.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

As next Friday is Red Nose Day the children can come to school in non-uniform. We would like to invite the children to share a smile and come in with a joke that they can tell to the class. The staff in the class will select what in their opinion is the funniest joke from each year group to be published in next week's newsletter.

If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief you can do so on our specially set up Parent Pay page by clicking [here](#).

Eco-Warriors and School Council Elections

Eco Warrior elections for the summer term will be taking place during the last week of this term. There is one place available for each year group on the Eco Warrior team. If your child would like to stand for election (and has not already been an Eco Warrior or on the school council) please encourage them to prepare a short speech to present to their class on Monday 29th March explaining why they should represent the class.



Happy Birthday
Isobel – 12th March
Lily – 15th March
Tanish – 15th March
Rhys – 16th March



I wish you all a happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell

PTA update - next meeting Tue 23rd March

Please make a note of our next **PTA meeting** date **@8pm on Tue 23rd March** via Zoom (details to follow next week), where we will discuss fundraising and event ideas for the rest of the school year. The meeting will be followed with an informal social event. Please join us if you can!

Thanks to everyone who has bought a balloon in the **Chenies Virtual Balloon Race**. The balloons will be launched on 24th March and finish on 31st March, with a £50 Amazon voucher for the winner, 5 x Vue Cinema tickets for 2nd place and a £10 Entertainer voucher for 3rd. Balloons are £3 and can be bought from: <https://www.balloonrace.com/cheniespta>

CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh

It was lovely to see all the children pleased to be back in class. They have grown and I know that a few of them are very tired!

Phonics: We will spend the next few weeks re-visiting previous learning and working on applying some of the sounds learnt during lockdown.

Reading: We will be assessing children over the next week, but books will go out as usual on Monday and should be returned on Friday. If your child has moved a level up books at the new level will go out the following week. 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 brought into school on Friday together with reading books so that we can change the books for the following week.

Math: We will spend the next few weeks re-visiting previous learning and working on applying some of the number/shape concepts learnt during lockdown.

Topic: Next week we will start thinking about Spring and new life. We will be spending a lot of time outside working on our garden area and start learning all about the different parts of plants.

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: Yellow House – Friday 19th March 2021

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 wonderful to be back in school with Monet Class. The children have all settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed writing their Space books, finding totals using coins in Maths, reading and doing lots of other creative things.

Next week we will be continuing with our Space theme by finding out about Tim Peake and writing instructions on how to make an 'Alien Grasshead' We will also be observing our Science experiment, 'Do seeds need soil to grow?' and recording what we see. In Maths we will be using coins to find change and counting on to find the difference. We will also be working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables Please continue to practise adding coins if your child is not yet confident with this and remember to read daily.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Welcome back! It is nice to be able to see and interact with the children of Hockney without worrying if the internet connection will allow it.

Next week in Hockney class, we will be going over some of the things that were covered over lockdown, to make sure that everyone has a solid understanding of what they have learnt.

In maths, we will continue to look at fractions, and review multiplication and division strategies.

In English we will aim to finish the "Was Tutankhamen Killed?" unit. We will then go over some of the grammar, spelling and punctuation rules that were covered over lockdown.

In topic, we will be looking at map reading skills, as well as continuing with looking at the Tudors.

Hepworth

It has been wonderful to bring our class back together this week, working in school.

The children have worked well during the past half term and have settled back into 'normal' school extremely well. Every child has had a different experience during the lockdown and we are using the first two weeks back to settle everyone back in and work using a 'blended learning' model. We appreciate that some children have enjoyed working at their own pace and being able to work more independently, therefore the children have a period of time each day in which they are able to work and manage their own time to complete a set of activities.

These include:

- Using a word of the day
- Completing 4 arithmetic questions, using each of the 4 operations
- A guided reading task
- Spending time learning the week's spellings, whilst practicing handwriting skills
- Reading for pleasure

Our English is linking our topic work about mountains to different writing techniques. The children have a list of writing genres to use, that focus on different topic areas they have learned about, for example writing a biography about a famous mountain explorer. This forms part of the independent blended learning model and the children can work on this and the above activities in any order they wish at different intervals of the day. We have been so pleased with the work the children have produced so far.

Maths

Next week our focus will be split across the week.

We will begin the week looking at measures. This will involve us comparing the units of measurements used for length, weight and capacity. We will be converting metric units of measure in different forms eg litres to millilitres and solving reasoning questions that need us to do this.

At the end of the week we will be learning about missing angles in shapes. This will begin with triangles and quadrilaterals and move on to pentagons, hexagons and octagons.

Other areas of learning

Our main topic work will be focused on through the English project and will include climate change and human impact on mountains and endangered species found in mountains. In Spanish, we will develop our learning about body parts. In Science we are continuing our work on materials. Our PSHE work continues with learning about drug safety.

We know the children are going to feel more tired than usual by the end of this first week back, so we hope you have a wonderful but restful weekend.

Please keep in contact with us by either phone or email if you need to speak with us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

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

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Day	Wednesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September
Term Starts	Friday 3 rd September
Half Term	25 th – 29 th October
Inset Day	Monday 1 st November
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December @1.30pm

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	21 st – 25 th February
Term Ends	Friday 8 th April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 th April
Half Terms	30 th May – 3 rd June
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 st July @ 1.30pm