

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Headteacher's News

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. The children have begun the term really well and all of the staff have been impressed by the calm atmosphere and the commitment the children have shown to their learning this week. We are looking forward to another busy term and Hepworth have begun the year with the opportunity to participate in a Dodgeball Event at DCHS this afternoon.



### Habits of Mind

The Habit of Mind that we will be focusing on this half term is Thinking Interdependently, which is about being able to work with others and learn from them, as well as encouraging children to share what they know and work as a team. I have introduced the children to this using the concept of an orchestra working together. To illustrate the idea we are listening to the music and watching the images from Fantasia as they arrive at and leave our assemblies.

### Eco Warriors

The children will be electing a new eco warrior for each of the year groups on Monday. If your child would like to stand for election then please encourage them to prepare and practise a speech to present to their class on Monday.



### Clubs

All clubs will start next week with the exception of netball which will begin the following week.



### PE Kit

Please can you ensure children have their full PE kit including trainers in school on the days they have P.E. This term all children will have PE on a Wednesday. In addition PE is as follows: Van Gogh- Tuesday, Monet-Monday, Hockney –Swimming on Tuesday, Hepworth –Friday

### End of the School Day

Please can I remind parents that there should be an adult in the playground ready to collect children at 3.15pm. It has come to our attention that some KS2 children have been playing in the playground at the end of the day without parental supervision. We are happy for children to play on the play equipment at the end of the day but they must be supervised by an adult. If you are going to be late please can you telephone the school office so that we can advise your child they should wait with a member of staff. I have reminded all the children today that if their adult is not in the playground they must come back to a member of staff.

### Mind Up Parent Workshop

The Mind-Up parent workshop is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

### Reminder about School Applications

If you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 they will be starting school in September 2020. Applications for a primary school place must be submitted to Buckinghamshire County Council by 3pm on Wednesday 15th January.

## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

<b>Van Gogh – 98%</b>	<b>Monet – 100%</b>
<b>Hockney – 98%</b>	<b>Hepworth – 97%</b>

## STARS OF THE WEEK

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Jasmine Jones</b>	<b>Leonardo McCall</b>	<b>James Powell</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Gracie Thompson</b>	<b>Olivia Moore</b>	<b>Marcel Bothamy</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Hockney Class</b>	<b>Charlie Dalkin</b>	<b>Dexter Jemmett</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Rain Knott</b>	<b>Rhys Griffiths</b>	<b>Vinisha Kumar</b>

# INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

## Van Gogh Class News

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a restful break!

The children have come a few centimetres taller and ready to learn. They this week they have been writing about what they did over their holidays and their favourite presents. We have also introduced our snack shop, where the children are learning to pay for their snack using 5p, 2p and 1p coins.

## Reading

As the children are becoming more confident with their reading, books we will now be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Even though we encourage parents to read every night with their child, please do not rush through the books. We are happy to change the books as and when your child had finished reading them. Please remember to write a note in your child's reading record every time you read with them.

Library books this term will be changed every Friday. Please note that your child will not be able to bring another book home until they have returned ones borrowed previously.

**Phonics:** Please continue to work through the Jolly Phonics sounds, practice segmenting and blending to read and write CV and CVC words. This week we will continue to reinforce **l ll f ff s ss c k ck**. We will also be introducing **j v w x y z** and **ch sh th ng nk**.

**Tricky Words:** Set 1/2/3/4 on the high frequency list

**Maths:** Counting: Ordering and Recognising Numbers to 5/10/15/20

Counting on from a given number.

Looking at the value of a number and matching objects

Shape: Consolidating **2D shapes** and introducing the **properties** e.g. I am a triangle, I have 3 **straight sides** and three **corners**. I am a circle I have 1 curved side and no corners.

In our snack shop we have started to look at the value of different coins 5p 2p 1p. The children are encouraged to pay for their snack thinking about different ways of making an amount e.g. Milk 8p – children may use 8 x 1p coins – 4 x 2p coins – 5p 2p 1p. Please give your child the opportunity to 'play' with different coins encouraging them to recognise and understand the different values.

Days of the week

**Topic:** This term our topic is Healthy Me. The children will be learning about keeping healthy, a good diet and personal hygiene.

## **REMINDER: Show & tell dates:**

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
x	10 <sup>th</sup> January	17 <sup>th</sup> January	24 <sup>th</sup> January
31 <sup>st</sup> January	7 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> January	x

## **REMINDER: Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Dance Festival @ Chalfont Community College

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Van Gogh & Monet Class Visit to Iver Environmental Centre

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Work Share Evening

Stay & Read: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 9.15 – 10.30

Tinkerbell will be coming home today... let's see who the lucky person will be this week. Please remember she will have her own personal bag and a book with instructions explaining what you need to do. I hope you will use this opportunity to make the visit special so that your child can enjoy sharing their experiences with their peers on a Monday morning. Please note every child will get a turn to take her home.

We have a very busy Spring term ahead of us, should you wish to discuss any of the above please feel free to come and see me.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

### **Monet Class News**

This term Monet's topic is all about "Abodes - Houses and Homes."

In Maths we will be working on addition. Year one will be working on number bonds and facts on numbers up to 10 and year 2 will be working on adding 2 digit numbers.

In English we will be looking at non-fiction books and learning about animal abodes. We have an exciting visitor coming in next Thursday and will be having live trout in school.

In Science we will be investigating materials in science and looking at what materials are used for building man-made homes and animal homes.

In geography we will be looking at the homes and country we live in and learning about geographical locations in the UK.

In art and dt we will be looking at the design of different homes and thinking about designing and making our own miniature homes out of small boxes and recycled materials. If you could start to collect some recycled materials in preparation for this that would be great. Each child will need a box which is big enough to make a miniature room in.

### **Hockney Class News**

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a stress free and restful break over the holidays.

In Maths next week the children will continue to focus on learning strategies and methods to solve division problems.

In English, we have started our legends unit, and the children will be exploring what the features of legends are as well as further developing their descriptive writing skills.

In Science the children have started looking at the states of matter, having learnt about what solids, liquids and gasses are. Next week we will be experimenting with the physicality of gasses.

In History, the children have started to learn about the Anglo-Saxons, and we will be continuing looking that the life of the Anglo-Saxon invaders and settlers.

In Geography, children will start learning about geographical features such as volcanoes, and events such as earthquakes and how these things are linked to the movement of tectonic plates.

In ICT children will continue learning how to code and sequence their instructions in order to get the result they want and how to debug if they do not.

In PSHE the children will be learn more about their brains and how to be mindful in their environments.

## **Hepworth Class News**

Happy new year! We hope you had a restful Christmas break. We also wanted to say a huge thank you for the very generous Christmas gifts and well-wishes - we are very grateful and touched by your thoughtfulness.

In English next week we will be continuing the work we started this week using the non-fiction e-book 'Animals on the Move'. We will be creating an audio commentary as well as focussing on our grammar skills.

In Maths we will be following on from the brilliant start the children have already made to their division skills. We have been pleased with how well the children have worked on this so far. Times tables again are crucial to mastering this skill - it is very evident in class those who know these as their division speed is much faster.

In topic we will be finding out more about Mexico as we move further into our topic 'Hola Mexico'. This topic encompasses our Geography, History (The Mayans) and Art work. Science sees us continuing with the start we have made on evolution and inheritance and in PE we will be doing gymnastics and basketball. There are still children who do not have their full PE kit including trainers in school. This is essential and must be in every day.

We are looking forward to a great term - as always please do get in touch if you need to discuss anything. Thank you in advance for your continued support this term.

## Diary Dates for 2019 – 2020 *new dates in blue*

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Mind-UP workshop 9am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Reception Dance at The Chalfonts Community College 12.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Stay & Read 9am
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mums in School Afternoon 12pm - 3.15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Hockney - Tri Golf at The Misbourne
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Monet - Athletics at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney – Cricket at Chiltern Hills Academy
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney –Swimming Gala 9am-11am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	EYFS Stay & Get Physical
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monet Games day at The Misbourne 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Work Share Evening 3.30-5pm Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening 6pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 1pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 9am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm <b>Term Ends for Children 1.30pm</b>