

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 31 January 2020

Headteacher's News

This week's Learning Highlights in School

The children from Van Gogh and Monet had a lovely trip to The Iver Education centre on Thursday where they visited an allotment and looked at different plants and herbs, sowed seeds and learnt about the life cycle of plants and ground wheat and made some dough and butter.

Hockney class had the privilege of being the first to use our new electronic data loggers to carry out some science experiments . Hepworth have written some persuasive letters to me about why they should be allowed to put on an end of year school production, in fact they were so persuasive I have agreed that it should go ahead!

The End of the School Day

We are aware that some parents are always happy for their child to go home with another particular parent and that if you are held up unexpectedly would ask that friend to collect your child. If there is a parent you are always happy for us to allow your child to go home with please advise the school office in writing and then if you are unable to advise the office at short notice that another adult will be collecting your child we will be able to let them go with that adult without having to contact you.

If parents arrive after 3.25pm to collect your child you will now need to collect them from the school office and sign them out.

Parking Outside School

I know that it has been colder this week but as part of our commitment to the environment and our children's health if you are waiting for your child in the car please could you ensure you turn your car engine off.

New Dinner Arrangements

Thank you to everyone who has pre-ordered their children's meals by using the new system on parent pay, it is very much appreciated and we are hopeful that the new system will enable us to save on administration time. Please continue to book your children's meals on parent pay by 9am on a given day or provide a packed lunch.

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Van Gogh – 100%	Monet – 93%
Hockney – 99%	Hepworth – 91%

STARS OF THE WEEK

Van Gogh	Van Gogh Class	Omansa Perera	Frederick Sowden	Rohan Rab
Monet	Archie Zahra	Harry Moore	Elora Williams	
Hockney	Jamie Fuchs	Isabella Bladon	Noah McCall	
Hepworth	Henry Keen	Ella Thornberry	Amber Schulein	

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh Class News

This week the children have been learning about and labelling different parts of the body. They had a great time at the Iver Environment Centre, and we will be doing lots of follow up work over the coming weeks.

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 j v w x y z ch sh th ng nk** and introduce **qu ai ee igh oa oo**.

Tricky Words: Set 1/2/3/4/5 on the high frequency list – Please work with the children to consolidate these.

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: Reinforcing the names of 3D shapes and reinforcing vocabulary to describe the properties.

Money: In our snack shop we are encouraging the children to pay for their snack using different coins.

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.

This week the children will be thinking about how germs spread.

REMINDER: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
x	x	x	x
x	7 th February	14 th February	x

REMINDER: Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 11th February: Work Share Evening

Stay & Read: Wednesday 12th February 2020 @ 9.15 – 10.30

Thank you to Harris for having Tinker over last weekend. Let's see who the lucky person will be this week to take her home. 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

Due to staff absence there is no Monet class news this week.

Hockney Class News

Next week is assessment week.

In Science the children will look at freezing point of water and conduct an experiment involving that.

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

FYI

Swimming lessons will be moving times starting next week, staying on a Tuesday but will be from 2pm – 2.30pm, getting back to school for 3pm.

Hepworth Class News

Next week is our assessment week so we will be completing a range of tests to give the children the chance to show off how much they have learned. These assessments also help the children to be prepared and practice for their SATs in May (Year 6).

Maths assessments include arithmetic and reasoning papers. Times tables will, as always, be vital. Some of the children were interested in the Math Rockx app - a singing based way of learning time tables - so this could be an option for helping learn them!

The children will also do reading, grammar and spelling tests along with writing assessments. One of the things we have been saying recently is the importance of reading - there are still children who are not reading 5 (or more) times each week and filling in their reading records.

Here are some tips for promoting reading:

Ensure that your children see you reading. It doesn't matter if it's the newspaper, a cookery book, romantic novel, detective mystery, short stories, computer manual, magazine - anything!

Encourage children to join in - ask a child to read out a recipe for you as you cook, or the TV listings when you are watching TV.

Give books or book tokens as presents (and encourage others to do so!)

Visit the local library together on a regular basis, and enjoy spending time choosing new books.

Encourage children to carry a book at all times so they can read on journeys or in spare moments – you can do this, too!

Keep reading together. There are lots of books that both adults and young people can enjoy. Read books you can all talk about but make the talk light-hearted, not testing or over-questioning.

Go to libraries or bookshops when authors are visiting. Children and teenagers love meeting their favourite writers.

Make sure your home is a reading home - have a family bookshelf and make sure there are shelves in your children's bedrooms as well.

Encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other. This will encourage them to talk and think about the books they are reading.

In our other subjects we will be doing computing work to design a web page, learning about fossil records and how they show evolutionary relationships in science, finding out more about the Maya way of writing and their number system in History and continuing with basketball and gymnastics.

On PE days please ensure that your child has spare socks to change into if they are wearing tights for school uniform as they will need to take these off for PE sessions and therefore need socks to wear with trainers!

Diary Dates for 2019 – 2020 *new dates in green*

Tuesday 11 th February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 12 th February	EYFS Stay & Read 9am
Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February	Half Term
Saturday 29th February	PTA Quiz Night
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Friday 6 th March	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Wednesday 11 th March	Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Friday 20 th March	Mums in School Afternoon 12pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 25th March	Hockney – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Monday 30 th March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 st March	Hockney - Tri Golf at The Misbourne
Thursday 2 April	PTA School Disco 6pm - 7pm R & KS1 / 7pm - 8pm KS2
Friday 3rd April	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 20th April	Children Return to School
Saturday 25th April	PTA Grown Up Disco
Wednesday 29 th April	Monet - Athletics at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 30 th April	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening
Tuesday 5 th May	Hockney – Cricket at Chiltern Hills Academy
Friday 8th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 12 th May	Hockney –Swimming Gala 9am-11am
Saturday 16th May	PTA Duck Race
Monday 18 th May-Friday 22 nd May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYFS Stay & Get Physical
Wednesday 3 rd June	Monet Games day at The Misbourne 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 11 th June	Work Share Evening 3.30-5pm Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening 6pm
Saturday 13th June	PTA Chesham Carnival
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day 1pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Friday 10 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 9am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Friday 17 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm