

Chelmer Class

Class Welcome

Chelmer have continued to bond and grow since Christmas. Their work is getting harder, and their imaginations and questions are opening them up to more learning.



Most, but not all, of the class outside the British Museum in London.

Literacy and Communication

At the start of the term Chelmer were investigating detectives and code breakers.

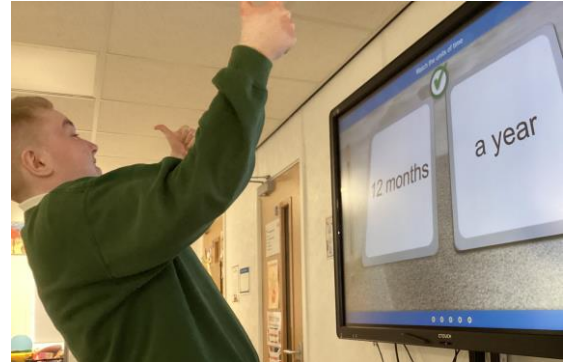
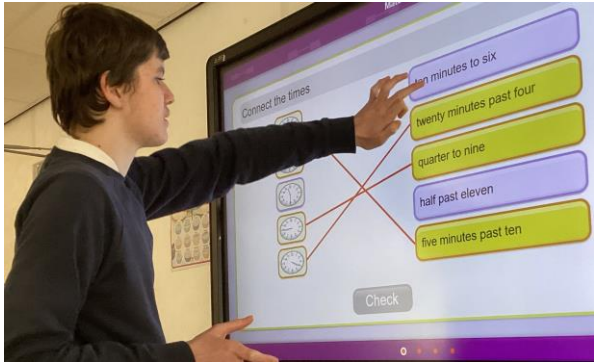
We started by looking at Alan Turing the most famous British code breaker and his work on the Enigma machine that shortened the war by at least two years. To understand how much the work impacted the war and the lives of those around us we watched the film 'The Imitation Game' which follows the troubled life of the man himself. The story is also a good lesson in empathy and how times have changed in the way that individuals were treated. Since Alan Turing is now on the £50 note, it was a good segway into the topic of money.

This half term we have started looking at poetry. Here Chelmer are making a word bank around daffodils to help them understand 'daffodils' by William Wordsworth.



Maths

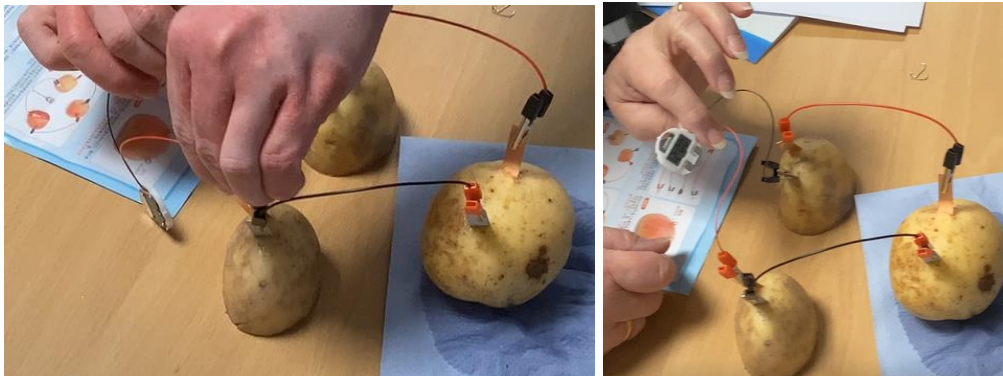
This spring we have been looking at Money, Calendar and Time. And as you can see, we quite rightly celebrate when we get it right.



The questions are getting more and more challenging so there is lots of concentration and hard work. This is a very useful skill to have in life and I am sure the class will continue to improve and test themselves.

Science

In Science we have been looking at electricity and magnetism. As Chelmer worked on circuits last year we decided to experiment with a potato clock as a different approach.



We followed the instructions and like all great experiments it did not work on the first attempt. So, we trialled different methods. We finally used our knowledge of opposite connections working, as well as increasing the number of potato pieces to three from two. We also soaked one of the potatoes in water because as we know, water conducts electricity.

The clock did work. This happened on the Tuesday, and it was still working on the end of Friday before half term. The only reason we stopped it was because we did not fancy returning after the holiday to the sight or smell of rotten potatoes.

Topic

In Humanities we have started the subject of maps and mountains. In the photo below Chelmer class had drawn themselves a map of how to get from class to the red playground. Here they are mapping the directions they took with a compass.



Notable News

Chelmer class have been lucky enough to have been involved in some different experiences over the last few weeks.

Last month the class travelled by overground train and underground train to the British Museum in London, an experience in itself! We then had a short walk to the Museum, where we headed for the rooms containing artefacts from ancient Egypt. It was amazing for the students to see some of the items we had talked about in class, such as mummies, sarcophaguses and gave them a chance to appreciate the enormous scale of some of the statues that were created.



In March we had a visit from the World War 1 Aviation Heritage Trust. It was a full day of activities. There was a quiz where the students learnt about the history of the war and some of its fighter pilots. They were also able to play an indoor simulator game from the perspective of a pilot and then sit in a moving outdoor simulator where they were again given a birds-eye view. We also talked about the soldiers and what they may have gone through, and each student created a poem. These poems are going to be written on seed paper and sent to France where their words will grow.



Upcoming Events

Children return to school for the Summer Term on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday Monday

Half term: 26th - 30th May

Staff Training (Pupils not in school): Monday 2nd June

Parental Coffee Morning, 9th June at 9.30am

Parent Meetings: Week commencing 23rd June (Families will receive the end of year report then)

PTA School Fete: Saturday, 28th June

Whole School and College Transition to September 2025 Classes: Week commencing 30th June

Staff Training (Pupils not in school): Friday, 27th June

Sports Day: Friday, 4th July

Family picnic, Friday 11th July

Upper School Merit Assembly: Tuesday, 15th July at 2pm

End of term: Tuesday, 22nd July (half day for pupils)