



New Chapter School

Nearly there everyone ... nearly there!

Well one thing's for sure - nobody could ever say life has been dull over the course of the past six weeks. The staff at New Chapter have worked incredibly hard, both in and outside of school to ensure all of our little people are continuing with their learning and that families are supported as much as they can be. We have made a number of phone calls home and have spoken to lots of parents/carers and of course children. If we haven't yet caught up with you then please let us know - the teachers would be only too happy to give you a call.

A number of families have benefitted from applying for a laptop to be used at home, we were also fortunate enough to have some laptops donated by members of the local community. If you feel your child would benefit from the use of a school device, please contact the school office on ncoffice@mket.org.uk as we still have a few remaining. I want to thank all of the parents/carers for all of the hard work and dedication that you have put in to supporting your children's learning during this difficult time.

Next week is half term - something we are sure that each and every one of us will benefit from as there is no home learning! School staff will still be working behind the scenes to provide home learning packs for the first week back after half term as well as making sure the classrooms are welcoming to those children who are in school.

If you no longer need to collect printed packs for your child, please could we ask that you let us know so that we stop printing them as we still have a number of packs that haven't been collected and will end up going to waste.

We very much appreciate the support we have received from parents and we look forward to this continuing next half term and beyond.

Please have a break - my goodness you deserve one!

From The New Chapter Team

Hot Chocolate

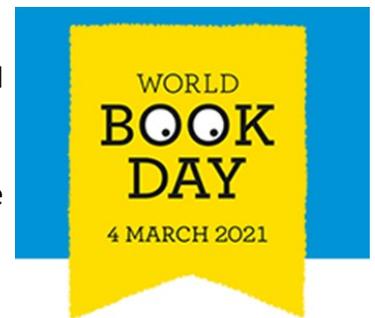
We hope that families are enjoying the postcard and hot chocolate we are sending through for home learning efforts. Please send in your photographs of children and adults enjoying their special treat!



World Book Day

World Book Day will still be taking place this year on Thursday, 4th March. Teachers will be planning a day of reading activities that the children can access remotely. If your child would like to dress up at home as their favourite character/book on that day, we would love to receive photographs of them via Teams/class emails. We would also like to receive photos of children reading at home – how creative can you be?

This year the £1 book vouchers will be available electronically – we will send a link out for parents to access this after half term.



Free Books

We have a number of old library books that are looking for a new home. If you would like some free books for your child to read at home, the books will be available in the entrance foyer from Monday 22nd February for you to help yourself.

We will also have a number of good quality children's books available for a suggested donation of 50p – all proceeds collected will be put towards purchasing new books for the children to enjoy in the library.

Meal Vouchers after half-term

Following the February half term, free school meal vouchers will continue. However, the Department for Education have advised us that the vouchers for the week commencing 22 February will not be available until Wednesday or Thursday of that week. You should receive your half term vouchers early next week.

Kids' breakfast & lunch planner

Plan five days of tasty, balanced breakfasts and lunches for two children for less than £20 – with leftovers – all developed by M&S Food senior nutritionist Laura Street.

MONDAY

BREAKFAST: DIPPY EGG AND SOLDIERS

Boil 2 eggs for 6 minutes and serve with toasted Best of Both bread, topped with your kids' favourite spread and cut into soldiers.

LUNCH: EASY, CHEESY PASTA

Cook a couple of large handfuls of pasta and stir in half a jar of tomato and basil sauce. Serve with Cheddar cheese grated on top.

SNACK: BANANA 'ICE CREAM'

Freeze two bananas, then blitz until creamy for a healthy banana 'ice cream'.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: BANANA TOAST

Toast two slices of bread and top each with one sliced banana and your little ones' favourite spread from the fridge.

LUNCH: TORTILLA PIZZAS AND SALAD

Spread the remaining pasta sauce over two wraps, top with a sliced pepper and cheese slices. Grill until melted. Serve with a salad of three grated carrots and two sliced tomatoes.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST: THREE BEARS PEAR PORRIDGE

Cover 250g porridge oats with milk and a splash of water, then simmer until creamy. Top with two chopped pears. Mix any leftover porridge with 50g raisins and spoon into cupcake cases, then bake at 190°C fan for 30-40 mins. Save for tomorrow's breakfast.

LUNCH: INDOOR PICNIC

Cook two handfuls of pasta and toss with a tin of tuna and two quartered tomatoes. Serve with crunchy chopped carrots and peppers, and a pot of fromage frais and a banana each. Don't forget to invite the teddy bears!

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST: PORRIDGE MUFFINS

Enjoy the porridge muffins you made yesterday with some sliced pear.

LUNCH: SPEEDY CHEESE AND TOMATO TOASTS

Arrange sliced Cheddar and tomatoes on top of two slices of bread (like all M&S bread, it contains vitamin D). Grill until bubbling and enjoy with a pot of fromage frais each.

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST: SUPERHERO OMELETTES

Slice 250g mushrooms and fry in 1tsp oil and 1tsp butter until golden. Add 4 beaten eggs and cook to your liking.

LUNCH: FISH FINGER SANDWICHES

Cook the fish fingers according to the pack instructions and serve in four slices of bread. Serve with your kids' favourite condiments from the fridge, if you like. Enjoy with a pot of fromage frais and a sliced pear each.

SHOPPING LIST

- 500g penne pasta
- 1 jar tomato & basil pasta sauce
- 8 white tortilla wraps
- 1 loaf (750g) Best of Both medium sliced bread
- 1 tin tuna
- 2 peppers
- 250g mature Cheddar slices
- 4 bananas
- 6 pack fromage frais
- 9 chunky breaded cod fish fingers
- 500g carrots
- 6 round tomatoes
- 6 free-range mixed size eggs
- 500g traditional porridge oats
- 6 ripen at home conference pears
- 1 pint M&S Select Farms milk
- 500g raisins
- 300g white mushrooms

5 lunches +
5 breakfasts
for 2 for £20

Get your H₂O!

Staying hydrated is super important, so don't forget to serve a glass of water with each meal.

Please note – if you're feeding smaller children, reduce the portion sizes.



If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise ...



Rouya



Declan



Isaac



Lavina

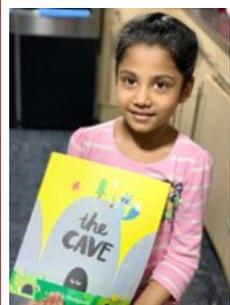
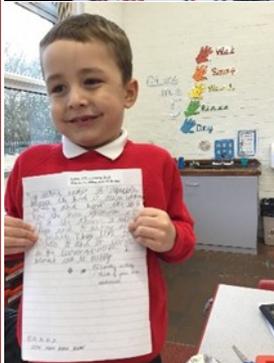


Najuna

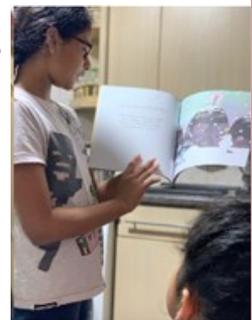
The KS1 teachers did have a big surprise at the amazing work the KS1 children did last week linking to our text of Brian's Bear's picnic. Lots of children made the teddy bear toast after looking for features of a recipe. They all looked so yummy and made us teachers very hungry! Other children made picnic food such as teddy bear sandwiches.



The children in class made teddy bear picnic blankets using 2D shapes. They had to use their cutting and sticking skills to make the blankets as bright and as inviting as possible, for their teddy bears. In English, we wrote about why our teddy bears are special to us and described them.



In other news, Lavina and her older sister Vinla are clearly teachers in the making as they have been reading stories to each other like the teachers do in the assembly time. Well done girls!



Year 6 Get Baking!

Aston and Courtney clearly had a great time baking some tasty treats at home.



Descriptive writing in Year 5

In year 5 this week, we have been practicing our grammar skills and using them at the end of the week in a descriptive piece of writing. Miss Burroughs and Mrs Parsons have been blown away by some of the quality in and out of school, take a look at some of the writing our children have written!

I'm stuck on a small crumbling block of ice in the middle of a frozen sea. Next to me is a submarine I just escaped from as the engine was about to blow. The deafening noise of the mechanical parts sizzling though the ice making its way to the bottom of the ocean floor is scratching my ears like my cat used to. The frozen waves look like something out of a scary movie. In this very moment I feel like time is frozen still. It's quite beautiful to look at with all the shades of blue and silver against the white fluffy clouds, but terrifying at the same time. In a single blink all of this could collapse on me and I would be stuck under 7 kilos of ice and drowning in the frozen sea. How am I going to escape?

"HELPPPPPPPPPPPPPP!!!!!!!" what am I thinking no one can hear me. There are so many options if I have all the right tools but I'm so limited because I don't. If I try and swim I would probably die. I can't walk because the ice would break. I can't climb as my ice pick is broken, so the only option is to get back into the Sub and try to fix the engine...

by Vinnie

The little boy stood, drenched and cold. He ignored this, and instead, stared at the waves swishing towards him. He was mesmerized, and he wasn't scared, like most kids would be. He stretched out a hand to touch the waves, but they were too far. He desperately wanted to walk forward and let the waves bring him to them. He loved water, waves, all of that. It was his type of thing. The foam of the waves was bubbly, and he bent down to touch it. Suddenly, something cold and wet wrapped around him...

In the water, the little boy tried to get out, but the water was too strong. He begged to the water, but it wouldn't listen. It carried him away from the parts of the ship he'd been on. A nearby iceberg! Thought the boy. He quickly splashed over to it, as the water's current was weaker. He grabbed onto the freezing iceberg. His hands were turning from a bright pink to a rushing red. He screamed for his mother, scared, frightened. He clambered on the iceberg and kept calling for her. Kept... calling...

by Ruby. M

More descriptive writing in Year 5

Friday 5th February 2021

Can I write a description?

There was no way of surviving this dreadful moment. Shiners were quickly racing down my spine. Am I going to die? I slowly held my arms out on both sides of my body so I could keep my balance. While I prayed for help, ear-piercing sirens were let off. I turned around. What were my precious eyes seeing? A massive colossal blanket of water towered over me. Above me were terrified, ~~glow~~ seagulls squawking as I waited for my death to arrive. All of a sudden, a BANG! My heart rose all the way to my throat. I felt sick. One lightning struck, it hits me, then what? Someone like me could fall off ~~off~~ of this ship so, so quickly. It's been ten minutes, I was starting to lose hope. ~~However~~ They just realised, time had stopped. My heart was ~~poor~~ pounding as fast as a drum. SWOOSH. The Tsunami had ~~had~~ won.

by Chloe

Feedback on teams

It has come to our attention that not all families know how to see the teacher's feedback on teams. Teachers leave comments on children's submitted work that you can view with your child. Sometimes they have next steps to improve and sometimes they have been praised. If you click onto your class/team then click 'grades' at the top.

Under feedback, if there is a blue plus sign you can see what the teachers have written back. We would hate for you to miss out on all that praise and know what a good job you are doing with your home learning.

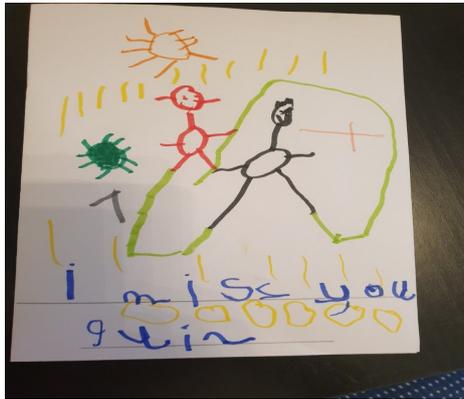
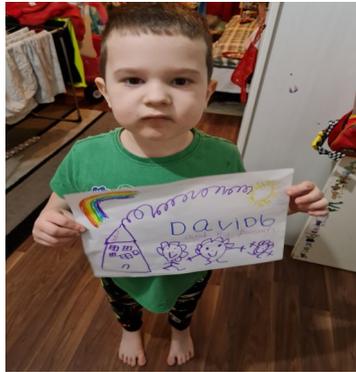
If ever you do have any difficulties of queries, please email your child's class teacher.

Due date	Assignment	Status	Feedback	Points
Feb 14th	Week 6 PE Lessons	Returned		No points
Feb 14th	Tuesday Reading Gold	Returned	Excellent punctuation and contraction work! Contractions are a new concept too so super impressed with you. 5 dojos. Maybe you could check the sentences again for capital letters?	No points

We miss you!



We all appreciate these times are tricky and none more than our little superheroes, who are really missing seeing and playing with their friends. So the children in EYFS have started drawing pictures and sending them to the class email and they are shared to their special friends to make them smile. We love seeing them too and each one makes us remember why we are so proud of them.



Chinese New Year

This week we have been celebrating the new Chinese Year by looking at the story and exploring traditions to celebrate the new year of the Ox. The children have been busy with creating Chinese dragons, as well as using paint to copy some Chinese writing. Today we discovered what it is like to be part of a Chinese new year parade and then created our own parade within the classroom.



THE GREAT TOILET ROLL CHALLENGE

Turn an empty toilet roll tube into anything you like.
Use paint, collage, felt tip, pencils, nature - the
choice is yours - but it must be clear what your toilet
roll has become!



Any entries need to be photographed and sent
to Miss Burroughs at: class12@mket.org.uk
with the child's name and class.

*Will yours feature in the next newsletter?
Can you wait to find out?*