



# New Chapter School

## WOW Day News



Down in the jungle where nobody goes..... The **EYFS** children were brave and put on their outdoor clothes and enthusiastically took on the role of jungle explorers to see which jungle animals they could find. We spent the day searching for animals as well as exploring and caring for the animals in our tree top vets. We then created the animals we saw using lots of different resources including paint, play dough and construction toys. We also read the story *Rumble in the Jungle* and chose our favourite animal to be painted on our faces! EYFS became very noisy with all the jungle animals! We are looking forward to seeing what else we will discover during our Explorers topic.

**Year 1** Pirates Wow day—We began our WOW day thinking about what we would like to know about pirates. Next, we labelled and described a pirate using the knowledge we already had. Our day continued with more fun and excitement as we explored the resources in class, found treasure in a chest and dug for coins in the sand.

During creative times, we made pirate paper plate faces and our own hats and eyepatches. As a class, we also sang a song called 'I'm a pirate'. In Computing, we used the tablets to create pirate pictures and played pirate snap.



**Year 2** made a great start to their new topic '*Life in the Freezer*'. We began by exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction books about the Polar Regions and the animals that live there. and shared the funny stories or interesting facts with our friends.

We then thought about what we wanted to find out about the Polar Regions and came up with some brilliant questions. Here are some of the amazing questions we thought of:

- Lola – "I wonder if penguins eat polar bears?"
- Samuel – "I wonder how penguins survive in the Arctic?"
- Lukne - "I wonder how polar bears hunt for prey?"

Once we worked out where polar bears and penguins live, the class began to make their own 3D penguins using recyclable materials. Mr Williams-Morris demonstrated how to make the penguin step-by-step and after doing so, the class went away and made their own. The outcomes looked fantastic, and now everyone has a desk buddy to watch over them whilst they work.



After lunch, we looked at the beautiful Northern Lights, learnt how they happen and explored a range of photos with the lights in the background. We then used these as inspiration to help us create our own, Northern Lights inspired, mountain silhouette landscape pictures. We used our prior knowledge of colour washing from our last topic to paint the background and added the shape of the mountain silhouette using black card. This resulted in beautiful images that we are extremely proud of.

To finish off our WOW day, we read *365 Penguins* by Jean-Luc Fromental. This was a wonderful introduction to our English book for the half term and the children were left asking questions and wanting to know more.

It was a great first day to the new half term and the staff of year 2 were very impressed with how well the children settled back into the school after the exciting Christmas holiday.





### Year 3/4 WOW day

We got stuck in to our new topic, Food Glorious Food, by learning about the digestive system. We started our day discovering the different parts and what their functions are. We also looked at how long each part is using string – who knew the small intestine was so long! To understand the journey food takes in our body, we carried out an experiment to show the different parts from cutting up bread with scissors to represent using teeth, to adding coke to show the acids in the stomach. Everyone had lots of fun doing this and we got a little messy too. We then created our own digestive system posters with lots of great facts we had learnt during the day. We cannot wait to see what the rest of our Food Glorious Food topic has in store.



**Class 11** We have been fully immersed in the rainforest with the introduction of our new topic: Rumble in the Jungle. We used atlases and globes to locate the 3 main rainforests and explain their close location to the equator. We then learnt about the different layers of the rainforest by creating a flap book which gives information on each layer.

Arben and Harvey both made fantastic rainforest models for their homework too!



### School Parking

We have had a growing number of concerns from parents and members of the local community about vehicles in the school area during drop off and collection times.



**Did you know that:** In Buckinghamshire, 1 in 5 pupils are driven to school every day! This adds up to a lot of cars trying to park around our schools. It often leads to illegal and irresponsible parking with regular concerns being raised.

Poor parking around schools can cause:

- road safety concerns for many trying to walk or cycle to school safely;
- a nuisance for residents living near schools;
- barriers to anyone who may be in a wheelchair or has a pram;
- discouragement from walking or cycling to school due to safety concerns;
- injury and even death of children.



**We believe every child has the right to come to school safely and shouldn't have their safety compromised by dangerous parking around the school. Please be considerate when parking at New Chapter.**

**This also includes when dropping off and collecting children. Please do not stop on the roundabout, zebra crossing or zig-zagged lines outside of school. Please consider the safety of all members of the community, park safely and walk your children in to school.**

## Special Lunch Menu on 20.01.2022

Choice of—

- Sausage Roll & Chips
- Cheese & Onion Pastry & chips
- Jacket potato
- Ham or cheese Sandwich
- Dessert



Please remember to order by Thursday 13th January 9am. Please contact the school office if you need any help.



Average attendance for last week was 88.6 %

## Important Dates



- 20/01/2022 School nursing team in school for Flu vaccinations
- 11/02/2022 Last day of term
- 21/02/2022 First day of term
- 01/04/2022 Last day of term
- 19/04/2022 First day of term
- 27/05/2022 Last day of term
- 06/06/2022 Inset day
- 07/06/2021 First day of term
- 21/07/2021 Last day of term
- 22/07/2022 Inset day children finish at 1.30pm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who are celebrating their Birthday this coming week:

Anes, Tommy.

## Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the children who were chosen to have Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher on 16th December 2021. Thank you for consistently displaying the school values and a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school life.

