

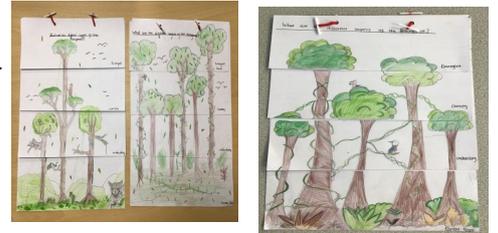


New Chapter School

Class 12's News

Class 12 are thoroughly enjoying their new topic 'Rumble in the Jungle' and are rapidly becoming experts on the world's rainforests and the flora and fauna found in them.

We began by locating the most significant rainforests on a world map and found out that they are situated around the equator and between the two tropics, which accounts for the hot and humid climate that is found there. Journeying to South America, with the help of Google Earth, we are now exploring the Amazon Rainforest: the largest rainforest in the world which covers most of the Amazon River basin. We have found out that these forests are made up of 4 main layers (the emergent layer, the canopy, the understory and the forest floor), each one home to an amazing range of plant and animal life. In fact, the Amazon Rainforest houses 10% of all the world's known species and probably many unknown ones. Using our research, we created our own informative lift the flap booklets about the characteristics of the different layers. Here are some examples:



In science, we have been learning about how animals are classified depending on their characteristics and we really enjoyed categorising a range of rainforest animals into their scientific groups. We are now experts on how to distinguish between amphibians, mammals, reptiles, insects and arachnids, and can even tell you what an echinoderm is. David Attenborough, watch out!

We have also learned that animals adapt themselves so that they can survive in the environment they live in and have investigated how a range of rainforest animals have developed features that help them to survive in this biome. Using this

knowledge, we have designed and classified our own rainforest creatures.



On Thursday, we received a very special visitor into school, who not only shared his amazing knowledge of rainforest animals, but also brought in some real creatures for us to see and even touch. Some of us were a little apprehensive at first but managed to put aside our fears of all things wriggly and creepy-crawly, and were brave enough to stroke a cockroach, tickle a gecko and even hold a snake. We learnt that snakes are not at all slimy; that geckos, like other reptiles, shed their skin when they grow; and that scorpions glow in the dark. What a fantastic opportunity this was – definitely the highlight of our week!



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on the week beginning 31st January. Due to Covid restrictions, all appointments will take place via telephone. Bookings are now open via the usual eSchools booking platform.



Please make sure we have the most up to date contact numbers so we can get hold of you at the time of your appointment. eSchools will send you a reminder of your appointment 24 hours beforehand.

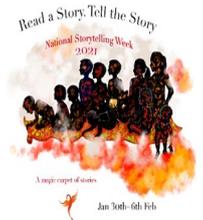
National Storytelling Week

"Storytelling can be found enriching lives everywhere. The sharing between teller and listener empowers, feeding the imagination from one generation to the next." - Society for Storytelling.

National Storytelling Week is a week's long celebration of storytelling. It takes place 30th January – 6th February and promotes the art of storytelling. This can be vocal or written down. Storytelling is a fun and creative past time which has a long history and can entertain people of all ages.

You can celebrate this event by

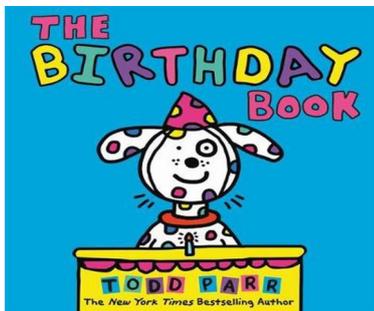
- making up your own stories
- retelling your favourite story to a friend or family member
- act out as story by yourself or in a group
- create a journey stick by collecting small things from the weekend and tying onto a stick so children can retell their weekend
- make a puppet of your favourite character
- put on a puppet show
- changing the ending of your favourite story



You can get more information on the website - <https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>

BIRTHDAY REMINDER

Children like to celebrate their birthdays in school. Many parents traditionally sent treats into school for their child's classmates. Please do not send cakes, sweets, chocolates or lollies as such items can cause problems for parents who restrict their child's sugar intake. If your child wishes to mark their birthday in school then we suggest a donation of a book for the class library – the school will provide a bookplate to commemorate your child's birthday.



Milton Keynes is set to turn 55 on Sunday 23rd January 2022 and there is lots going on to celebrate.

MK Council has teamed up with its cultural partners to mark the special day with a week of online events and activities.

Film screenings, exhibits, stories and other activities are set to take place during the lead up to Milton Keynes' official birthday. These activities will be happening courtesy of the Council's partners at Living Archive MK, Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre (MKCDC), Pooleyville and many others.

Cllr Robin Bradburn, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture at MK Council said: "The online programme is a great opportunity for residents of all ages to celebrate our rich and diverse heritage, while also supporting MK's fantastic grassroots cultural organisations. Please get involved and celebrate all that we love about our great city."

Main activities include a 'Homeworld at 40' celebration and new a digital exhibition called 'Designed for Living', the first showing of the Junior Filmmakers 'Living Heritage' film premiere and many more.

The Milton Keynes 55th birthday programme runs from 17th January - 24th January.

You can check a full list of events and activities that are taking place over January [here](#).

You can also follow [@CultureMK](#) and [@DestinationMK](#) on social media and follow the [#MKBirthday](#) tag.

Reminder re paid school meals & absences

Just a reminder regarding Chartwell's policy for school meal refunds if your child is absent from school. Their policy states that if you wish to claim a refund for your child's meal whilst they are absent from school, you need to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705 before 9am every day of the child's sickness. A credit is given from the second day onwards.



	Star of the week	Values Awards
Class 2	Benjamin	Ciara
Class 3	Mucaad	Chaye
Class 4	Dylan	Junior
Class 5	Jiraiya	Ivy
Class 6	Charlet	Amelia
Class 7	Folarin	Jake
Class 8	Willow	Courtney
Class 9	Kayden	Maria
Class 10	Oliver	Shulamite
Class 11	Rolandas	Ruby
Class 12	Haris	Nusaybah

Important Dates



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.



Average attendance for last week was 90.3%

BIRTHDAYS.

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

Elijah, Alicia, Fabian, Ruby, Chloe, Cristian.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the children who were chosen to have Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher on 14th January 2022. Thank you for consistently displaying the school values and a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school life.

