



New Horizons
Children's Academy

News

Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 5 and welcome to our Newsletter!

Following the letters that I have sent recently, I wanted to reach out to you today to ask for your participation in a brief survey to help us understand more about how your child is adapting to the changes and challenges they are facing whilst learning from home. Understandably the recent months have been challenging to adapt to and education is no exception to this. Having spoken to parents and pupils recently I have heard feedback on how different families are managing to cope with the situation and we are constantly looking for ways to support you more.

This survey is designed to gather information on how pupils are accessing and engaging with learning. Information gathered is confidential and will not be used to judge or grade your child; your feedback will enable the school to reflect on home learning and to develop our provision or give support and additional help where possible. Either parents or children can take the survey, it is very brief and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Please ensure there is one entry per child. We would like all our families to complete the survey and as a thank you we will be putting every entry into a prize draw to win a BRAND-NEW TABLET - perfect for home learning.

Please follow this link to complete the survey before Friday 1st May 2020

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

We are continually refining our digital strategy, which we believe will help children stay safe online, gain valuable life skills and give them the experience needed to continue developing as well-rounded confident learners.

We appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey and where possible actively use it to improve our home learning.

Have a safe weekend!

Mrs J Murphy, Executive Headteacher





Thinking Healthily

Welcome to Term 5! It is lovely to once again be able to share our successes as we go through the term together on this newsletter, as we are busy learning from home.



Nursery

Nursery children are continuing to be set a new Tapestry Challenge by Miss Edwards daily. We are all very much enjoying seeing an increasing number of children rising to the challenge and observations of new learning and WOW moments being uploaded. The challenges that are set each day relate to 1 of the 17 areas of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Year R

Reception children have launched their new topic 'Will you tell me a story?' The home learning will be focused on a different Traditional Tale each week. If you do not have the traditional tale story books, there are links on the website to direct you to YouTube versions that we recommend. This week the Traditional Tale we have been focusing on was selected by Miss Harris and is 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. There is a wide range of learning activities, which focus on reading the story, re-telling the story, or creating your own inventions! The Maths focus this week is about ordering the height of objects including Jack's Beanstalk! We are so excited to see your new learning and so please do continue to upload any pictures to Tapestry and so we can add this to your child's learning journey.

We will share some quality examples of home learning on the newsletter weekly so please send a copy/photo of your work to yearr@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk and a member of the Year R team will reply with some feedback. As part of my (Miss Hales') daily exercise this week I donated to the Run for Heroes Charity by running 5K, donating £5 and nominating 5 other people to do the same! It is amazing to see everyone coming together to support a great cause in so many ways!



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have started their new topic, 'Bright Lights, Big City'. In Thinking Academically, we have looked at the text 'The Queen's Hat', which tells the story of the Queen travelling all over London after her hat blows away! Although we have all been indoors staying safe, we have been able to travel virtually around London, looking at some famous landmarks and finding out some interesting facts. In Maths, we have been very busy with our arithmetic retrieval practice, as well as learning to count in 10s, grouping items equally and sharing them. We have been lucky with the wonderful weather, which has helped us in Thinking Globally when looking at the different seasons, length of daylight hours and being able to make weather reports. In Thinking Healthily, we have been looking at new vocabulary such as belonging and family and using the 'Commonality Key' when thinking about our own families and households.



The Year 1 team have really enjoyed seeing all the work that you have sent in, including videos and creative projects. Please send a copy/photo of your work to year1@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk and a member of the Year 1 team will reply with some feedback – well done Year 1, you are all doing great!

Year 2



It's been a strange few weeks for everyone but at the start of a new term, the Year 2 team are just as excited as ever to be starting our new topic, Land Ahoy. Over the term, we will be looking at pirates and people who sailed the seven seas! As we have not had the opportunity to do our Hook Day, maybe you could explore our topic by building a pirate ship den at home or making a miniature pirate ship to float in the sink! In Thinking Healthily this term, we are looking at our emotions and how to help yourself to feel happy. The teachers have been trying to Think Healthily too! Here is a picture of me (Miss Bristol) playing netball in my garden. I miss not being able to play for my team at the moment, but practising in the garden helps me to relax at the end of the day!

We are excited to have the opportunity to see some of your amazing home learning so please send a copy/photo of your work to year2@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk We have already received some great work and I can't wait to see much more over the coming days! We have been working hard to develop our home learning resources so look (and listen!) carefully to spot some of the changes for this week! We hope you are all safe and well. Keep up the hard work!

Year 3



It's great to finally be able to catch up with you all and share information in a similar way to before. Your learning this coming week will be focused around our new topic, 'Myths and Legends' where we will be exploring lots of interesting tales and learning about Ancient Gods. Please try your best with your home learning and complete as much as you can. You might even find some familiar voices hidden within your learning. As a Year 3 team, we are very excited to see how our year group emails take off and we keep on refreshing the page in anticipation! We also look forward to sharing some great examples of the home learning that is coming through, as we would usually use this space to celebrate your achievements.

We are excited to have the opportunity to see some of your amazing home learning so please send a photo/copy of your work to year3@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk While we wait for examples of learning to share with you, I'll take this opportunity to share with you a photo I (Mrs Ryder-Clarke), took recently which is of my dog (Rex) relaxing in the garden; something I'm seeing a lot as the weather improves! Keep busy, keep learning, but most importantly, keep positive!

Year 4



I hope that you are staying safe and I'm pleased to be sharing our week again, albeit very different circumstances. Your learning this coming week will be focused around our new topic, Blue Abyss, where we will be exploring the ocean and its inhabitants. I know home learning is a big change, but I am certain that you will try your very best, as you always do. You may even hear voices you know and have missed in your learning! As a Year 4 team, we are very excited to see how our year group emails take off and we keep on refreshing the page in excitement, please send a photo/copy of your work to year4@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk I (Miss Kwakye) have already seen some beautiful pictures of home learning and how you are spending your time at home. We all miss you very much, so it is nice to see your excellent home learning! We will be sharing some amazing examples of home learning that we receive.

I hope you continue to keep safe and well- be kind and positive as you always are! The picture you see is from a Year 4 pupil who wanted to make people smile. It certainly made me smile!

Year 5



Can you believe it's already term 5? Following an Easter break - where we were blessed for once with relatively nice weather - we are back to our summer term. It might be a bit strange but we are excited to still be teaching and learning! This term's topic is a favourite for a few of your teachers: Allotments. Although we can't take you to an allotment as we had planned, perhaps you could start your own mini allotment at home. Get some seeds and see if you can germinate them on a paper towel or in a little pot. Mr Hall has been working on his vegetable patch as you can see from the photo. Our book we will be looking at during this topic in English is 'The Secret Garden'. We are looking forward to seeing some of your work sent in to us so we can give feedback, so please email away on the email address you have been given.

Our focus this term is Thinking Healthily where we will be looking at relationships and emotions as well as ball skills. It's important to think about how we are communicating at the moment, so it will be great to reflect on our relationships and how we are feeling. Make sure you're talking to people at home about how you're feeling. Make sure you press play where you see a little audio button on your lessons - you'll hear some familiar voices! Don't forget to email your work in to year5@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk - we are really excited to see how you are getting on. Take care and stay safe.

Year 6

Thank you to those of you in Year 6 who rescued our class butterflies last term! A special thanks to Callum who has been the first to use our new up and running email and sent us some lovely pictures of the butterfly hatching process. It was lovely to know that they had gone to good homes! This term we are starting to look at our exciting new topic 'Tomorrow's World' - where we will be looking at all things technology from past, present to future! In Maths this week, we have been working on shape and measure and in English looking at how to write a fantastic newspaper report. Don't forget to listen to Miss Bennett reading our much-loved book 'Christmas Dinner of Souls'. We would love to hear your next book recommendations so please email us any suggestions. We are looking forward to seeing the work you have been completing at home, so remember to send some of your best work to year6@newhorizonschildrensacademy.org.uk and we will get back to you with some feedback! Remember to keep active and keep smiling!



Enrichment

In our curriculum we offer the children opportunities to experience their learning in a wide range of ways including (among others) trips and visitors to our school. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this with everyone at home, however we would like to provide you with a range of enrichment opportunities which are popping up across Medway, Kent, The United Kingdom and globally.

We are pleased to share the following opportunities:

-  A chance to watch Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre - <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/watch/>
-  Stephen Lawrence - <https://www.stephenlawrence.org.uk/resources/information-for-schools/>
-  Saint George's Day - <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/st-georges-day/>

Thinking Academically



Lexia



Well done to George W, Ethan M and Rylan who have completed their levels this week. Remember to complete your minutes each week.



TT Rockstars



Kairan (Year 5) is top of the leader board this week, with Zohaib (Year 5) in second place - he has been busy this week - and Joseph (Year 3) in third.

Spelling Shed

Well done to Zohaib B (Year 5) and Adam B (Year 2) for being the top two spellers this week, followed by Ruby B (Year 2) in third place.

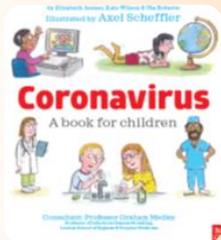


Spelling Shed

Thinking Inclusively

Please find below some helpful links that Mrs Studniarz has found that you may find useful!

The Government has recently released a list of online education resources for children with SEND that parents may find useful, please follow <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>



Alex Scheffler has produced a great book about Covid-19 just for children, it answers questions about quarantine, how you can catch the virus and what happens when you get ill. It is free to download. <https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus-A-Book-for-Children.pdf>

For students with dyslexia or those looking to boost reading & spelling, Dyslexia-CodeBreakers has made their resources free. Please follow <https://www.dyslexia-codebreakers.co.uk/2020/04/15/your-free-codebreakers-resources-are-here/>



Also, for those parents who would like some support with OT-Fine Motor Skills Activities for their children, Kim Griffin OT, leads live sessions every weekday at 11am on Facebook or YouTube. Additionally, NHS has provided examples of Sensory Motor Circuits on

<https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/Documents/Miscellaneous/Sensory%20Motor%20Circuits.pdf>