



Picture News

at Home

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What's going on this week?



The date that the UK are scheduled to leave the EU is the 31st January 2020. A group of MPs hoped to signify the historic occasion with the ringing of Big Ben at 11pm. As the Elizabeth Tower and Big Ben is currently under refurbishment, the estimated cost of ensuring the bells work, is £500,000. Meaning the cost of marking Brexit in this way would be just over £45,000 per bong (assuming the bell strikes 11 times). Big Ben has only rung on a few occasions since the refurbishment began in 2017.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍌 The decision for the UK to leave the European Union following a vote in 2016, divided lots of people across the UK. As many may feel sad that we are leaving, do you think it's something that others should be celebrating?
- 🍌 Do you think it's important to talk to and listen to people we don't agree with? Why?

Biscuits baked in space!



Pictured: NASA astronaut Christina Koch tweeted from the space station, posing with Italian astronaut, Luca Parmitano and one of the individually wrapped cookies-from Cristina H Koch's Twitter page.

Following a ride home on a SpaceX Dragon capsule, the first food to be baked in space has landed back on Earth. Researchers want to inspect the handful of chocolate chip cookies baked by astronauts in a special Zero G oven. This is the first oven designed to work in the microgravity environment aboard the International Space Station. The oven and the pre-made cookie dough were launched to the space station in November on a Northrop Grumman Cygnus spacecraft. In total, five cookies were baked by the astronauts, one at a time. "Crew members may experience psychological and physiological benefits from eating flavourful cooked meals," NASA said about the experiment.

Would you miss home cooked food if you were in space?

Above is this week's picture news considering how to handle **differences of opinion**.

The resource on the left also gives news that Class 5 will be interested to read about since they have been wondering whether it is possible to make popcorn in space!