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## FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TOP NEWS STORIES  
FOR THE WEEK  
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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### WARM WORLD

LAST year was the Earth's joint warmest in history, says the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

Despite coronavirus lockdowns all around the world leading to a drop in fossil fuel use, 2020 matched 2016 for the highest global temperatures ever recorded. Copernicus experts say the last six years are the warmest six on record.

Experts have responded to the worrying data by calling for urgent action to slow down global warming.

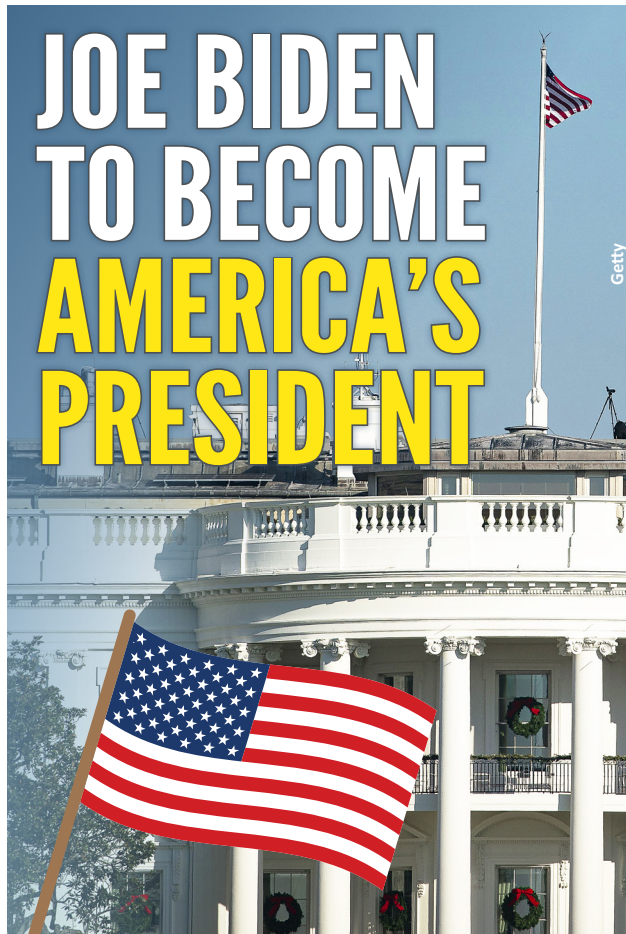
### LOVING LOAVES



**BAKERS** in Seattle, USA, are donating bread to local food banks, to help those in need during the pandemic.

Nearly 500 home bakers are involved with the Community Loaves initiative. More than 1,300 loaves were baked and donated in one day recently!

## JOE BIDEN TO BECOME AMERICA'S PRESIDENT



**PRESIDENT-ELECT** Joe Biden will be inaugurated on Wednesday 20 January, meaning he becomes the 46th President of the United States. This follows him winning the Presidential election at the end of last year.

But it won't be a normal ceremony for a few reasons. The coronavirus pandemic and new security worries following violence last week by a mob supporting outgoing President Donald Trump means there will be changes to what is a historical American day.

Joe Biden will still be sworn in on the steps of the Capitol Building, the scene of last week's riots. Although there are fears about more protests, he said on Monday: "I am not afraid to take the oath outside."

## JUNIOR EUROVISION



**IT'S** been announced that France will host the Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC) in 2021 following their first win in the competition on 29 November.

This year's competition, staged by TVP in Warsaw, reached 32 million viewers and a further half a million on the competition's official YouTube channel.

## WOW!

**IN 2020,**  
more

than half of the cars sold in Norway were electric.

That's a first for anywhere in the world. The four best-selling vehicles in the country were the Audi e-tron, the Tesla Model 3, the Volkswagen ID.3 and the Nissan Leaf – all fully electric.

Norway aims for all new cars sold to be "zero emission" by 2025.

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