

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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How can we help those in need who are far away?

Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).

Watch this week's useful video [here](#).

This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below, which explains what is happening in Pakistan and what is currently being done to help.

What is happening in Pakistan?

Over 30 million people, including around 16 million children, have been affected by this year's heavy rains in Pakistan, which have brought huge flooding and landslides. Some major rivers have breached their banks and dams have overflowed, destroying homes, farms and transport links including roads and bridges.



What is being done to help?

UNICEF is delivering life-saving medical and other emergency supplies to support those affected, including drinking water, water purification tablets, hygiene kits, medicines, vaccines, nutritional supplements for children and mosquito nets.

The Red Cross is working with organisations as part of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) and is offering emergency tents and hygiene kits for families in need.

Governments around the world are offering their support, including the UK's, through resources and funding. Humanitarian support totalling £15 million from the UK will help provide shelter and essential supplies to people across the country.

Pictured left: Families receive medical services at a mobile health camp established by the Department of Health and UNICEF in Pakistan
Source: UNICEF/UN0691109/Sami Malik

Do you think enough is being done at this time?



Look at the resource below, which shares more information about flooding.

What is a flood?

A flood is when land that is normally dry becomes submerged (caused something to be underwater) by an overflow of water.

River flooding:

The most common type of flooding in the UK is river flooding. This usually happens when there has been heavy rainfall higher up the river, which then travels down and overflows the riverbanks.



Some of the ways we can protect against river flooding:

- Flood plains are open areas of land that are deliberately left empty for rivers to flood into.
- River embankments or walls are built so the rivers can hold more water.
- Dredging rivers makes them deeper so they can hold more water.

Have you ever seen a river burst its banks?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the flooding in Pakistan.

Flooding in Pakistan

Monsoon rains happen every year in Pakistan. A monsoon is heavy rains that accompany the seasonal wind of South Asia that blows from the southwest in summer.

Heavy rainfall is expected by people living in Pakistan but this year's intense monsoon season has caused devastating floods. Some of the floods have occurred inland because of the excessive rainfall; others have struck coastal areas because of sea-level rise.

Vast areas of the country have been left underwater, buildings, roads and other structures have been destroyed and millions of people are homeless.

Is climate change to blame?

Outside of polar regions, Pakistan has the highest number of glaciers (huge masses of slowly moving ice). Higher temperatures have led to more water flowing down from the melting ice in the Himalayas.

Some scientists believe the large amount of rainfall is caused by a warmer atmosphere holding more water, therefore producing heavier downpours.



Pictured above: One of the largest glaciers in Pakistan

**Do you think climate change is responsible for the flooding?
What other factors might be responsible?**



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Reflection



Pakistan has seen unprecedented amounts of heavy rain, causing flooding that has affected millions of people. Although we may be far away, there are many ways we can offer our help and support to make a difference to people, who have lost so much.





Individual Liberty

Millions of people living in Pakistan have been affected by flooding. There are many different ways we can help if we choose to.





UN Rights of a Child



Every child, no matter where in the world they are, has the right to live in a safe environment.



Useful vocabulary



Appeal

A serious and urgent request.

Starting an **appeal** to help the tens of millions affected by the disaster...

Disaster

A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great damage.

Starting an appeal to help the tens of millions affected by the **disaster**...

Stranded

Unable to leave or move from somewhere.

Emergency services have been pushed to their limits trying to rescue those **stranded** and evacuate them to temporary housing.

Temporary

Lasting for a limited amount of time.

Emergency services have been pushed to their limits trying to rescue those stranded and evacuate them to **temporary** housing.

Unprecedented

Very great in amount.

Pakistan has seen **unprecedented** amounts of heavy rain.

Urged

Tried hard to persuade.

The United Nation's (UN) Secretary General has **urged** the world to help Pakistan.

Can you use them in your writing this week?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER



Pictured: Josephine Hedger climbing a tree at the European Tree Climbing Championship.
Source: Arboricultural Association @ArbAssociation Twitter page.

Tree climbing champion

Josephine Hedger has expertly climbed her way to her sixth European Tree Climbing Championship win! The expert arborist, or tree surgeon, has claimed the title for the fifth time in a row! Each individual competitor completes five preliminary events, climbers are judged on speed, skill, and technique. The men and women with the top points then compete again on a second day, climbing a tree to reach marked points within a specific time.

The European Tree Climbing Championship (ETCC) described the event on its website as providing a competitive but educational opportunity for working arborists in Europe to demonstrate and exchange new climbing techniques and equipment, as well as safe work practices. The winners of the European competition held in Brussels, Belgium, go onto scale more trees at the world championships.

Hydrogen-powered passenger train

The world's first 100 percent hydrogen-powered passenger train has been launched! Coradia iLint trains, manufactured by French manufacturer Alstom, are now operating in Lower Saxony, Germany. Around half of Europe's railway network is electric, but some lines are too difficult to install overhead cables on. This has left diesel trains as the only option – until now! Alstom has stated that the hydrogen-powered trains only emit

steam and water and make very little noise. Henri Poupart-Lafarge, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Alstom said, "The world's first hydrogen train, the Coradia iLint, demonstrates our clear commitment to green mobility combined with state-of-the-art technology. We are very proud to bring this technology into series operation as part of a world premiere, together with our great partners."



Pictured: The 100 percent hydrogen-powered passenger Coradia iLint train. Source: Alstom @Alstom Twitter

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Chimps' 'signature' drum beat

A recent study has suggested wild chimpanzees communicate by showing off their 'signature' drum beats, through drumming on tree roots, with their own individual style! Scientists, who studied chimps in the Ugandan rainforest, found that the animals used their signature drumming rhythms to communicate with each other over long distances, revealing where they are, and what they are doing. Dr Catherine Hobaiter from the University of St Andrews explained that the wild apes use huge tree roots as a large wooden surface to drum on with their hands and feet, "If you hit the roots really hard, it resonates and makes this big deep, booming sound that travels through the forest. We could often recognise who was drumming when we heard them; it was a fantastic way to find the different chimpanzees we were looking for. So, if we could do it, we were sure they could too."



Pictured: A Chimpanzee. Source: Canva.

Last week's topic:

What can we do if we feel things aren't fair?



I think the best way is to make your point clear and find people who will listen. Show people the problem so they can see for themselves.

Jake

I understand people strike for a better pay check but the effect on the average person is massive.

Luca


Speak up and tell as many people as you can!

Candy

I think it doesn't matter how old you are your voice deserves to be heard!!

Chloe

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Share any experience you have of floods or flooding, have there ever been floods in your local area? What did people do to help?
- Although they are far away, can you think of ways that you can help others who are in need? What help do you think the people affected need the most?

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