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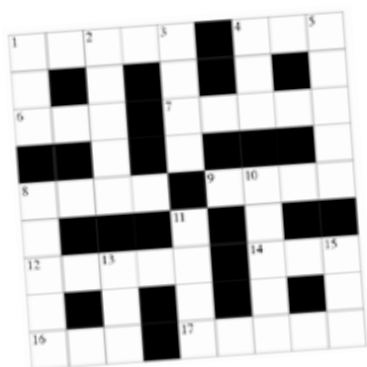
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Welcome back!

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Game over! Big clampdown on Chinese players

» Children can only play online video
games one hour a day, three days a week

Children in China are to have tough
restrictions on how much time
they can spend playing online
video games.

The government in the country with
the world's largest population is bring-
ing in strict new rules.

Anybody aged under 18 will only be
allowed to play online games for one
hour a day on Fridays, Saturdays and
Sundays and on public holidays.

Video gaming companies will only be
allowed to stream their games between
8pm and 9pm in the evening. They have
also been told to put systems in place to
make sure under-18s log on under their
own names to prevent them playing
under older people's names.

There were already restrictions in
place, keeping gaming down to one and



Tough rules on online video gaming

a half hours every day and three hours
on holidays but now the rules are getting
even tighter.

The regulators bringing in the new
restrictions said it was to "effectively
protect the physical and mental health of
minors".

CATCHING UP ON SUMMER WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WHILE WE WERE AWAY

■ Hundreds of wildfires devastated parts of western Canada and the United States during a record-breaking heatwave. The highest temperature ever in Canada was recorded at 49.6°C. In Europe, there were multiple wildfires in Greece, with several towns, villages and islands having to be completely evacuated.

■ A huge earthquake rocked the Caribbean country of Haiti, leaving more than 2,000 people dead and damaging or destroying more than 135,000 buildings. Rescue work was then hampered when a tropical storm swept across the island nation.

■ Wally the walrus is still on his travels. As reported in *The News Shed* last term, the creature has strayed far from its Arctic home and has been spotted in several places off the coast of western Europe. The latest sighting found Wally lounging in a speedboat moored off the Irish city of Cork.

■ Jeff Bezos, founder of the online retailer Amazon, flew into space with three other passengers aboard the reusable rocket New Shepard.

■ The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said the effects of climate change are now "widespread, rapid and intensifying".

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■ It is among a whole host of educational resources at: www.literacysshedplus.com

■ For contact details please see the website.

Jason's seventh heaven in Tokyo

» Cyclist sets new Olympic gold record

Jason Kenny became Great Britain's most successful Olympian when he won his seventh gold medal at the Tokyo Games.

Kenny won the keirin event while his wife, Laura, won the women's Madison race with Katie Archibald.

They were among six cycling golds for Team GB in Japan.

Matthew Walls won the men's omnium on the track, Tom Pidcock triumphed in the mountain bike race and there were two gold medals in BMX events. Beth Shriever won the women's race and Charlotte Worthington took the women's freestyle.

It helped Great Britain and Northern Ireland to fourth place in the medals table behind superpowers USA and China and hosts Japan.

Swimming was another successful sport for Team GB with Tom Dean winning the 200m freestyle and being part of the gold medal 4x200m relay team and Adam Peaty taking gold in the 100m



Winners Laura and Jason Kenny

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Leading medal winners

| | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|--------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| USA..... | 39 | 41 | 33 | 113 |
| China..... | 38 | 32 | 18 | 88 |
| Japan..... | 27 | 14 | 17 | 58 |
| GB & NI..... | 22 | 21 | 22 | 65 |

breaststroke and 4x100m mixed medley relay.

Tom Daley finally won a first Olympic gold, teaming up with Matty Lee to win the 10m synchronised diving, and there was a medal for Great Britain's youngest ever Olympian. Sky Brown was only 12 when we reported her selection for the skateboarding team and, only a few days after her 13th birthday, she earned a bronze medal in the women's park event.

See next week's The News Shed for a Paralympic Games review

So near but yet so far for England

England went so close to winning a major football tournament for the first time since the 1966 World Cup when they reached the final of the European Championship.

After matches were played in 11 countries around Europe, England were on home turf when they met Italy in the final at Wembley.

But after England full-back Luke Shaw scored in only the second minute of the final, Italy equalised through veteran defender Leonardo Bonucci. There were no goals in extra-time and Italy lifted the trophy after winning the penalty shootout 3-2.

Sport: see page 6



Plastic – it's drastic!

» Abbie Sellers runs a plastic-free shop and campaigns and advises on the reduction of plastic use in our daily lives. Here, she tells us how we can all help

Why is it so important that we use less plastic?

Plastic use is increasing every year, with an expected increase of six times what we use and throw away now by 2030. It is polluting waterways and our environment all across the world.

Recycling seems like a great solution, but this uses a lot of energy – and therefore carbon – and is often incinerated or shipped across the globe.

Recycling also isn't infinite. Once a piece of plastic has been recycled a few times, it can't continuously be made into another plastic bottle, for example, as it loses quality and changes its properties.

Plastic is also made from oil, a non-renewable resource we should all be moving away from in order to slow down climate change.

Using less disposable plastic is the best solution, reusing what we have rather than throwing it away.

What can children do to help?

The best thing you can do now is take a look at what you throw away.

Recycle properly by checking your local council's guides, and spot ways in which you can switch to a reusable alternative, such as:

- Refilling a water bottle;
- Baking snacks at home and taking them to school instead of having snacks in wrappers;
- Thinking whether you really need all the new trends.

Educating families and friends also has a massive impact. Asking to go to your nearest refill or plastic-free store

Fact SHED



■ Abbie's shop, Plentiful (pictured), is open seven days a week in Ramsbottom, Greater Manchester.

■ It is one of hundreds of plastic-free shops now open around the country.

■ You can also shop online and the website has loads of great ideas and advice on reducing our use of plastic:

plentifulshop.co.uk

is a great start to learn what's out there. Adults are often unaware of what they can do to help, but there is so much.

How can schools make a difference?

Schools are of course great educators, so showing students and parents the impact of plastic locally and around the world has a big impact.

Also, switching to reusables in the canteen is something I've heard lots of young people tell me frustrates them – sticking

to metal cutlery is the way forward.

Schools can also put pressure on their suppliers to change packaging, as businesses have a big role to play in the plastic solution too.

What handy hints do you have for families to use less plastic around the home?

Back in the 1960s, disposable plastics just weren't a thing as they are now – sometimes thinking about our grandparents' frugal ways is actually a way to be more sustainable!

I recommend doing a 'bin audit' first – writing down the big offenders you keep throwing away, and then switching them out one by one. You can refill bottles and dry food in most plastic-free shops, and there are lots of home cleaning products out there now that use no plastic.

Lastly, I can't emphasise home batch cooking enough. Making massive meals or batches of snacks and freezing them in old containers means less plastic – and less effort throughout the week, too.

Are plastic-free shops like yours becoming more popular?

Definitely! When I started there was only a handful of us, now there are more than 300. I lost count at 50!

The television series *Blue Planet 2* started a wave of people caring about the planet and despite single-use plastic spiking with Covid last year, people are settling down again and seeing how much of a change they can make.

If you type into a search engine 'zero waste shops near me' there are lots of directories to find your nearest one.



» Simon Smith is a primary school headteacher and picture book expert. Here are some of his favourite recently-published books for each year

YEAR THREE

The Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade



Inspired by the many indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption.

Nen and the Lonely Fisherman

by Ian Eagleton and James Mayhew



A modern adaptation of a classic 'little mermaid' tale, it tells the story of a merman's search for true love, sending a song of hope across the sea while a lonely, caring young fisherman named Ernest hopes to find warmth in his heart.

When Emily was Small

by Lauren Soloy



A joyful frolic through the garden helps a little girl feel powerful in this beautiful picture book that celebrates nature, inspired by the writings of artist Emily Carr.

YEAR FOUR

Faraway Things

by Dave Eggers and Kelly Murphy



From a bestselling author comes an evocative, classic-feeling adventure tale about a boy and his sword, and how giving away something precious leads to an even more important discovery.

The Moose of Ewenki

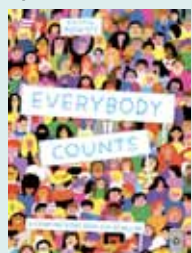
by Gerelchimeg Blackcrane and Jui Er. Translated by Heken Mixer



From one of China's bestselling children's authors comes this story of friendship and empathy, which celebrates the traditional way of life for the indigenous Ewenki peoples of Mongolia.

Everybody Counts

by Kristen Roskifte



This fun book teaches you to count from 0 to 7.5 billion, but also to do so much more. Follow the characters' stories through the book and see how their lives collide with those of others.

YEAR FIVE

I Talk Like A River

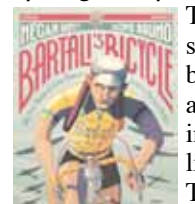
by Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith



What if words got stuck in the back of your mouth whenever you tried to speak? What if they never came out the way you wanted them to? Sometimes it takes a change of perspective to get the words flowing.

Bartali's Bicycle

by Megan Hoyt and Iacopo Bruno



The inspiring, true story of Gino Bartali, a beloved Italian cyclist and secret champion in the fight for Jewish lives during World War Two.

Alien Nation

by Sandro Bassi



A stunning wordless picturebook. It asks us lots of questions about how phones lead us to disconnecting with our world. It's perfect for discussion and exploration but also for inspiring writing. Every page is utterly stunning.

YEAR SIX

What is a River?

By Monika Viacnaviciene



A picture book about rivers and the plentiful connections they have with us humans. It follows a child and her grandma as they look for answers to a question – what is a river?

Star Crossed

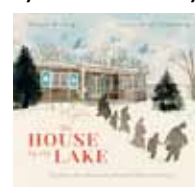
by Julia Denos



An utterly astounding story of intergalactic friendship and love. The sublime illustrations – they almost sparkle – take us on a journey across the stars.

House by the Lake

by Thomas Hardy and Britta Teckentrup



A clever journey through a period of time. This historical picture book offers a glimpse of different times in history, but all at the same location: a little wooden house by the side of a lake.

WEEK *This* in HISTORY

**September
8, 1888**

The first ever Football League fixtures were played. The results were:

| | | |
|---------|-----|-------------|
| Everton | 2-1 | Accrington |
| Wolves | 1-1 | Aston Villa |
| Preston | 5-2 | Burnley |
| Stoke | 0-2 | West Brom |
| Bolton | 3-6 | Derby |

Blackburn and Notts County played their first games a week later.

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The Great Fire of London swept through the English capital for five days before finally being extinguished on this date.

The blaze began in a bakery in Pudding Lane in the early hours of Sunday, September 2, and eventually

destroyed 13,200 homes and 87 parish churches as well as St Paul's Cathedral.

**Sept 6,
1666**

An estimated 70,000 of the city's then population of 80,000 are thought to have lost their homes, although the official death toll was fewer than 10 people.

Some historians believe many more died, but the numbers are unknown because the deaths of poorer people were not recorded in those days.

The famous diarist Samuel Pepys is said to have buried a parmesan cheese in his garden to protect it from the flames!

**September 4,
1972**

American swimmer Mark Spitz became the first competitor to win seven gold medals at a single Olympic Games. All seven victories in Munich were achieved with world record times.

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**September
7, 1940**

The Blitz began during World War Two, with the German air force, known as the Luftwaffe, bombing London and other British cities for 50 consecutive nights.

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**September
10, 2001**

Charles Ingram won the £1 million prize on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* but was later found to have cheated by listening to coded coughing by accomplices in the audience.

**September
5, 1976**

The Muppet Show made its television premiere. Created by Jim Henson, the first show saw actress Mia Farrow appear alongside Kermit, Miss Piggy and company.

**September 9,
2015**

Queen Elizabeth II became Britain's longest serving monarch when her reign reached 63 years and seven months, overtaking her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

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Superstars on merry-go-round

» Messi and Ronaldo both switch clubs

World football's two greatest players are both at new clubs for the 2021-22 season.

Lionel Messi left Barcelona after 18 years when the club found they could not afford his new contract, and Paris Saint-Germain quickly snapped him up.

In the last days of the transfer window – the period in which clubs can sign new players – Cristiano Ronaldo (pictured) returned to Manchester United from Italian club Juventus after 12 years away.

Now aged 36, Ronaldo cost a cut-price £12.8million and was signed after rumours he could join rivals Manchester City.

Most expensive signing by an English club was England midfielder Jack Grealish, who Manchester City bought from Aston Villa for £100m.

That was slightly more than the £97.5million Chelsea paid Inter Milan for Romelu Lukaku.

Like Ronaldo, the Belgian striker was returning to the club where he made his name. Chelsea had sold Lukaku to Everton for £28million seven years earlier.



Fact SHED

The big signings at the Premier League's 'big six' clubs

Manchester City

| Player | From | Fee |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Jack Grealish | Aston Villa | £100m |

Manchester United

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Cristiano Ronaldo | Juventus | £12.8m |
| Jadon Sancho | Borussia Dortmund | £73m |
| Raphael Varane | Real Madrid | £41m |

Liverpool

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Ibrahima Konate | RB Leipzig | £36m |
|-----------------|------------|------|

Chelsea

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| Romelu Lukaku | Inter Milan | £97.5m |
| Saul Niguez | Atletico Madrid | loan |

Tottenham Hotspur

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|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Bryan Gil | Sevilla | £21.6m |
| Cristian Romero | Atalanta | £47m |
| Emerson Royal | Barcelona | £21.5m |

Arsenal

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------|
| Sambi Lokonga | Anderlecht | £15m |
| Martin Odegaard | Real Madrid | £30m |
| Aaron Ramsdale | Sheffield United | £30m |
| Nuno Tavares | Benfica | £8m |
| Takehiro Tomiyasu | Bologna | £20m |
| Ben White | Brighton | £50m |

Chelsea aim to stay as queens of the castle

Chelsea will again be the team to beat when the Women's Super League kicks off. Emma Hayes' team are aiming to win the title for the third season in a row and the fifth time in the last seven years.

They begin their season with an away game against Arsenal, and will be aiming to emulate Chelsea's men's team, who won 2-0 at Arsenal in their first away game of the season.

Hayes will be up against some new faces this season, with three Women's Super League clubs appointing new managers.

Marc Skinner has moved from American club Orlando Pride to replace Casey Stoney at Manchester United, Scott Booth is the new boss at Birmingham City and Jonas Eidevall has taken over at Arsenal.

Opening fixtures

Friday, September 3

Manchester United v Reading 7.45pm

Saturday, September 4

Aston Villa v Leicester City 12.30pm

Everton v Manchester City 1.30pm

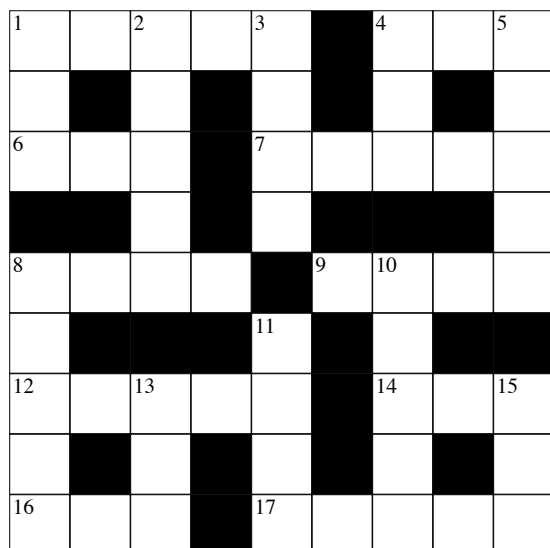
Tottenham Hotspur v Birmingham City 3pm

Sunday, September 5

Arsenal v Chelsea 12.30pm

Brighton v West Ham United 2pm

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 and 8 England football captain (5,4)

4 and 4 down Rap music (3,3)

6 Male cat (3)

7 Fold at front of jacket or coat (5)

8 see 1

9 Pulled by a horse (4)

12 Gentle push (5)

14 Go bad (3)

16 Perform in a film (3)

17 Gogglebox (5)

DOWN

1 Bash (3)

2 Someone from Italy's capital (5)

3 Yellow part of egg (4)

4 See 4 across

5 Captain on a plane (5)

8 Country in east Africa (5)

10 Fourth month of the year (5)

11 Letters; message on a mobile (4)

13 Small spot on paper (3)

15 Plaything (3)

Ask your teacher to find the solutions online with the reading comprehension answers