

What's happening in the world today?



We encourage children to read this together with their adults at home to develop their understanding of current news items and topics for discussion. We have included links to the UN Sustainable Development Goals against each story, which will help the children to see how they can have a positive impact in the wider world.



Displaying our poppies with pride

Remembrance Sunday is always held on the second Sunday in November, this year the service will take place on 14th November. The National Service of Remembrance will be held at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London. Starting at 11am, the service will commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

Armistice Day is always held on the eleventh day of the eleventh month which marks the day the armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany that brought the end of WWI and a two-minute silence is held at 11am.

What will you be thinking about during the two minute silence at 11am on Thursday 11th November? Have you seen all the poppies displayed down at the main school gates?



A famine affecting millions this winter in Afghanistan

Many Afghanistan children and their families do not have enough food to eat and the winter months could make things worse. "It is as bad as you possibly can imagine," said David Beasley from the World Food Programme. "Ninety-five percent of the people don't have enough food, and now we're looking at 23 million people marching towards starvation," he added.

Afghan winters are between December and March and a harsh winter can see heavy snowfall and temperatures as low as -15 degrees. In these conditions growing food is impossible. The previous Afghan government was confident about managing a bad winter because Afghanistan was due to receive food, help and supplies from richer countries. But most of that aid has stopped now that the Taliban is in control.

What are the main crops grown in Afghanistan?



COP26 continues...



The former US president, Barak Obama has attended the COP26 conference. Mr Obama received rapturous applause when he took to the stage and a standing ovation at the end of his speech. Mr

Obama dedicated much of his speech to young activists, who he said were "right to be frustrated". He talked about his own daughters' shopping habits, and called on young people to support businesses that were committed to sustainability.

Other new announcements:

Trees: More than 100 world leaders promised to tackle deforestation, which is important because trees can absorb vast amounts of CO₂.

Methane: More than 100 countries joined a scheme to cut methane emissions by 30% by 2030.

Coal: More than 40 countries agreed to shift away from coal, the single biggest contributor to climate change.

Money: 450 organisations controlling \$130 trillion dollars - around 40% of global private assets - agreed to back "clean" technology, such as renewable energy.

Can you find some examples of businesses that are committed to sustainability?