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.

On your marks, get set, go…

The 2021London Marathon got underway on Sunday 3rd October. The race is usually held in April but was moved to October this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The race has several categories giving everybody the opportunity to take part. There is a mass race for the public who may enjoy running as a hobby or have chosen to train especially for the event. There are professional races for athletes and long distance runners. There are also elite level wheelchair races plus a 3-mile mini marathon event for under-17 athletes.

The event raises a lot of money for different charities and many people run the race in costumes to promote their chosen charities. Below we have a fire breathing dragon running for an asthma charity, a two-humped camel running for Water Aid and a herd of rhinos running for Save the Rhino.

What charity would you raise money for if you ran the London marathon and what costume would you wear?

A huge oil spill off the coast of California

Around 572,000 litres of oil have spilled into the Pacific Ocean south of Los Angeles from a possible leak in an underwater pipe. Nearby beaches have been closed and emergency services have been working hard to rescue wildlife, and help contain the oil spill. There are concerns for the welfare of thousands of plants, animals and birds, including endangered species such as the snowy plover, the California least tern and humpback whales.

How do oil spills effect birds and animals on land and the creatures living in the sea?

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day celebrates teachers all over the world and thanks them for their hard work. The theme of this year's World Teachers' Day is all about teachers being at "the heart of education recovery". This includes all their hard work to get everyone back up to speed after learning was disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Teachers are important because they help you learn, they encourage you and they teach you about the world.

What do you think makes a good teacher? If you were a teacher, what would you enjoy teaching?