

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.



Running out of fuel?

Recently people have been talking about fuel and maybe you've even been stuck in a long queue at the petrol station.

This is because some petrol stations have had limited supplies of fuel and others have had to close due to a shortage of delivery drivers.

All of this has led to some people **panic buying** petrol which has caused long queues. The petrol companies said the situation was being caused by "temporary spikes in customer demand - not a national shortage of fuel".

Senior ministers have met to try to find a solution to increasing the number of delivery drivers, their ideas include:

- Free intensive boot camps to train 3000 people to become HGV drivers.
- Writing to nearly one million drivers who hold a HGV licence to encourage them to return to work.
- Allowing more workers from other countries into the UK from October.



Questions: What is panic buying? What is a HGV? How else do drivers help keep the country moving?

Should disposable masks be banned?	Cycle or Scoot to school!
It is estimated that people in Britain are sending over 1.6 billion non-biodegradable face masks to landfill every single month. Some environmentalists are calling for single use face masks to be banned completely, and for reusable cloth masks to be used in their place. What do you think of this idea? Discuss the pros and cons of single use versus cloth face masks. Have you seen any that have been littered or left for others to dispose of? Talk about how you feel seeing them discarded.	National Bike to School Week 2021 takes place from Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October. Sustrans, who run the annual event in partnership with the Bikeability Trust, said: 'It's a great opportunity to celebrate cycling and scooting and the positive impact it has on children's health and wellbeing as well as the environment.' Sustrans want to try and track how many families take part through an online survey. Will you be biking or scooting to school this week? What other benefits are there to biking or scooting to school?

