

WHAT'S IN THE READING ACTIVITIES?

FirstNews SCHOOLS



First News – expanding reading habits

- Non-fiction news reports engage children and develop their interest, knowledge and understanding of the world they are growing up in.
- As newspaper readers, pupils choose the stories that interest them, and where they start reading in each week's First News.
- News is for discussing and debating, and pupils share and pass on stories that have sparked their interest.

The First News Weekly Reading Activities

The weekly reading activities develop pupils' understanding of the week's news stories. There are three levels of differentiation to support all learners in KS2 and KS3. The activities (PDF format) can be downloaded from the First News for schools website on Friday afternoon.



News Comprehensions

- Focus in depth on engaging individual news stories
- Questions to encourage understanding, critical thinking, discussion and debate
- Develop key comprehension skills:
 - Find and explain information
 - Deduce, infer and summarise
 - Use evidence to support ideas and opinions
 - Ask questions to develop understanding
 - Make informed predictions
 - Identify benefits of language choices, structure and presentation.



News Quizzes

- Question and picture clues to find fascinating facts and information from the week's newspaper
- Find key information as quickly as possible:
 - Develop understanding of topics and newspaper sections
 - Scan headlines, photos and lead paragraphs.



News Puzzles

- Develop comprehension of a news story by analysing key words, phrases and technical vocabulary used by First News journalists
- Widen pupils' vocabulary



News Debate

- Background information, facts, figures and opposing viewpoints are provided in this activity on a topical dilemma
- Discussion questions enable children to explore the issue and develop their own informed opinions
- Available every fortnight

LEVEL 1

LOWER KS2

Four Simplified Stories



LEVEL 2

UPPER KS2

Look Closer



LEVEL 3

KS3

Article Analysis



Mystery News



News & Pics Quiz



In The Know



News Puzzle 1



News Puzzle 2



News Puzzle 3



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Proven to significantly develop both children's reading comprehension skills and their motivation to read more widely. National Literacy Trust Research Project, April – May 2015. For more details: firstnews.co.uk/nlt