

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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Should you always want to win?



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
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How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below,
which shares some quotes by Venus Williams.

Who is Venus Williams?

43-year-old Venus Williams, who is five-time champion, has received a wild card for this month's Wimbledon tennis tournament. Wild cards are awarded to players whose ranking is not high enough for them to qualify automatically. The last time Venus won the title at Wimbledon was 15 years ago!

Venus Williams' career has had numerous highs and lows, with her most recent being knocked out in this year's first round, but she's always persevered.

I've learned you can always achieve more than you thought you could. There are moments when I've walked off the court, and I'm like, 'I don't know how I won that match.' It was actually impossible, but it happened, and then you realise that you can push yourself much further than you ever thought, and you can make the impossible happen.



Pictured: Venus Williams. Source: Sascha Wenninger

In my mind, I'm always the best. If I walk out on the court [and] I think the next person is better, I've already lost.

Some people say that I have an attitude - maybe I do... but I think that you have to. You have to believe in yourself when no one else does - that makes you a winner right there.

Losses have propelled me to even bigger places, so I understand the importance of losing.

What personality traits do you think she has that make her the player she is today?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

The Men's and Women's Singles tournaments each have 128 players. Wimbledon also includes doubles tournaments, where the players compete alongside one teammate. Junior, senior and wheelchair players are also involved in games at Wimbledon.



Pictured: Number 1 Court at Wimbledon. Source: Neil Tilbrook

Wimbledon has 18 Championships grass courts, 20 grass practice courts and 8 American Clay courts. It is the only Grand Slam tennis event still played on a grass court.

Officials make sure the rules are followed and decide when points should be awarded. Chair Umpires and Line Umpires work on-court but there are other officials, who work off-court too.

The winner of the Men's and Women's Singles will each receive £2.35 million and a trophy.

Slazenger have been the official supplier of tennis balls to the tournament since 1902. Yellow balls were first used in 1986.



There are around 250 ball boys and girls. They collect the balls during matches and must train very hard to be selected.

Have you ever watched Wimbledon before? Would you like to?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the history of Wimbledon.

1

The first ever Wimbledon Championships were held in 1877 at the All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, Worple Road, Wimbledon. 200 spectators watched the 22 men take part. Spencer Gore became the first Champion.

2

In 1884, the Championships were extended to include Men's Doubles and Women's Singles tournaments. Maud Watson became the first female Champion after beating her sister Lillian. Spectators reached around 3000.

3

In 1905, American May Sutton, won the Women's Singles, making her the first overseas Champion.

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Wimbledon was once again suspended when World War II broke out. In 1940, a bomb hit the Centre Court. It damaged 1200 seats but despite this, the tournament went ahead again in 1947, with players attending from 23 countries.

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Wimbledon Championships moved from Worple Road to Church Road in 1922.

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The Championships were suspended for four years, 1915-1918, due to World War I.

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In 1977, Wimbledon celebrated 100 years! The occasion was marked with the opening of Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum.

8

Wimbledon changed the tennis ball colour used in the Championships from white to yellow in 1986. This was to make it easier for TV viewers to see.

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In 2019, 500,397 attended Wimbledon to spectate.



Pictured above: Charlotte Cooper Sterry, an English female tennis player, who won five singles titles at Wimbledon, and in 1900, became Olympic champion.

Source: GPA Photo Archive

Can you describe how Wimbledon today compares with Wimbledon in 1877?



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Reflection



Winning a match or a game can feel amazing but often, much of the fun and enjoyment can come from the journey along the way - and many lessons can be learned in the times we don't succeed.





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Our behaviour, actions and words affect others. We can show respect to ourselves and each other, whether we win or lose.

Protected Characteristics



Tennis players from all over the world compete at Wimbledon. Someone's colour, nationality or ethnic or national origins should never be the reason they are unable to compete.

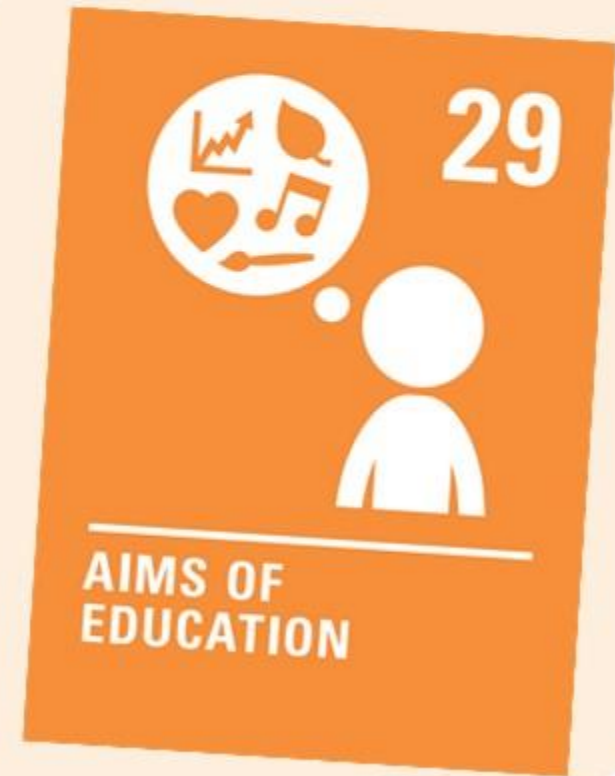




UN Rights of a Child



Our education should help us to fully develop our personalities, talents and abilities. Whilst doing this, there will be times when we win and times when we lose. We can learn so much from both!



Useful vocabulary



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Can you use them in your writing this week?



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- Look at this week's poster image Does anyone know where it is? Do you watch or play tennis? Have you watched any of the Wimbledon tournament this year?
- Read through this week's assembly resource, which shows more about Venus Williams' perspective. What personality traits do you believe she has that make her the player she is today? How do you feel she will handle her recent loss?
- Can you remember the last time you won a game or a competition? How did you feel? What about a time when you didn't win? Recall what you learnt in each situation.
- Think about how it feels when something really matters to you, and you really want to win. Do you think this encourages you to try harder? Can you come up with any negative aspects of winning being the main focus?
- Apart from winning when taking part in a game or competition, can you think of any other goals you could have?
- Watch this week's useful video, which shows the 'Always Like Never Before' Wimbledon 2023 Campaign. What do you feel is the main message from the campaign? Did you enjoy watching it? What was your favourite part?

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KS1 focus

What is the Wimbledon tennis tournament?



- Write 'tournament' on the board. Do you know what a tournament is? Have you ever taken part in tournament before?
- Explain that a tournament is a competition, where lots of games or matches are played. The winners of each game/match play each other until there is only one winner left, the champion!
- Share anything you know about the Wimbledon tennis tournament. It is held each year at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London. Locate London and Wimbledon on a map of the UK.
- Look at resource 1, which shares some information about the Wimbledon tennis tournament. Have you ever watched any of it before? Would you like to?
- The image on resource 1 shows Number 1 Court at Wimbledon. 18 grass courts are used as part of the Wimbledon Championships with Centre Court being used as the main court. Many consider it the most famous tennis court in the world! How do you think it might feel to be a spectator on Centre Court? Is it something you would enjoy?
- Imagine you are stepping onto a Wimbledon court to take part in the tournament. Describe how you might feel and what you might be able to see, hear, smell. How do you think it would compare with any tournaments or sporting events you have already experienced?

Reflection

The Wimbledon Championships is a world-famous tennis tournament. The Men's and Women's Singles tournaments each have 128 players taking part, with only one person becoming the Champion!



KS2 focus

What is the history of Wimbledon?



- Share what you know about the Wimbledon Championships. Have you ever watched any of it? Do you enjoy watching or playing tennis?
- Wimbledon is world-famous and has a Guinness World Record for being the oldest surviving tournament. Guinness World Records states, 'Held annually since 1877 at the All-England Club in London, UK, the Wimbledon Championships is the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament in the world.' What do you think prestigious means? Have you ever attended or taken part in anything that could be described as prestigious?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some information about the history of Wimbledon. Can you describe how Wimbledon today compares with Wimbledon in 1877? Think about the number of competitors, spectators, ball colour, tennis court surface and location.
- Focus on the image of Charlotte Cooper Sterry. Describe what she is wearing. In the early 1900s, women played tennis in floor-length skirts, stockings, and long-sleeved tops. Men usually wore white or cream flannel suits with shirts and ties. How does this compare with today? How do you think this clothing impacted the game? Think about mobility, comfort, safety.
- Despite being suspended through two world wars, the Wimbledon Championships continued. Do you think this contributed to it being labelled prestigious?

Reflection

Wimbledon is the oldest surviving tennis tournament in the world. It has evolved and adapted over time as many things do.



KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Tennis maths!

- If there are 128 players in a singles tournament, how many matches will need to be played to determine the winner?
- In 2019, 500,397 people attended Wimbledon to spectate. Can you write this number in words?
- 200 spectators attended the first ever Wimbledon in 1877, how many more attended in 2019?
- How old is Wimbledon?
- A singles court is length 23.77m x width 8.23m. Can you calculate the perimeter?
- Can you write your own tennis maths question and ask someone to solve it?

Option 2

The Wimbledon Championships is the only Grand Slam tournament played on grass. Others are played on hard courts or clay.

- How do you predict this may affect a tennis match? Consider the effect on the ball and the player.

Plan an experiment to find out the effect different surfaces have on the bounce of a tennis ball. Think about:

- What surfaces will I test? Grass field, tarmac playground, wooden hall?
- How will I test the bounce?
- What will I measure and how will I measure it?
- How will I make sure the test is fair?

Carry out your experiment and share your findings.



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Host a class tournament! It could be a tournament of skill such as a bean bag throw or keeping a balloon from touching the floor, or a tournament of chance such as rock, paper, scissors or a coin flip. Everyone takes part to start with, competing against one person in knockout rounds until you have a winner! After the tournament, discuss the following:

- Did you enjoy taking part in the tournament? Why?
- How did you feel before, during and after the tournament?
- How did it feel to win/lose?
- How did you react to winning/losing?
- Would it be possible to have a winner without a loser?
- How did you show respect to yourself and others during your tournament?

Option 2

Create a set of rules for being a good participant when taking part in competitions, games or tournaments.

Think about:

- How should you behave when/if you win? What might you say?
- How should you behave when/if you lose? What might you say?
- What else might you say to your opponent?
- How can you make sure you do your best?
- How can you show respect?

Make a poster to share your positive messages. You could display them around school to encourage everyone to be a good competitor.



This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.bbc.co.uk/sport/tennis/65973372

This week's useful video

'Always Like Never Before' campaign video
www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSTuCPeE8Q

This week's Virtual Picture News

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Surfing Seal



Pictured: Sammy the surfing seal pup Source: @cicuellar Twitter

Surfers in San Diego received a surprise when they were joined by a seal pup! Typically, seals steer clear of humans, but not this baby seal! It was abnormally friendly and appeared unafraid as it proceeded to move from surfboard to surfboard, catching the waves. SeaWorld was notified and sent an expert crew out to check on the animal. Releasing a statement, SeaWorld officials reported, 'There was no need to intervene as the pup

also appeared to be old enough to care for itself.' It hasn't been a one-time experience either as the over-friendly seal pup has continued to return. Local surfers have named the seal 'Sammy' after a children's book depicting an adventurous seal. For many, Sammy's presence has incited a sense of awe, excitement and beauty. Surfer, Jenny Kim, who was joined by Sammy on her surfboard, described it as, 'A moment of pure happiness for me'.

Ancient Bronze Sword Discovered

Archaeologists from Bavaria's State Office for Monument Protection have uncovered an ancient sword near the town of Nördlingen in Germany. It is thought to have been forged in bronze during the 14th century BCE, making the weapon 3,400 years old. The hilt of the sword has an octagonal pommel and a zig zag pattern on its handle, which is still visible. It was likely made by the Tumulus people, who were a warrior society in central Europe during the Middle Bronze Age and were highly skilled metal workers in gold and bronze. The Bronze Age was the first time

humans started working with metal to make tools and weapons, which saw huge advancements in agriculture and trade at the time. Despite its age, the sword is in very good condition. Experts were shocked at how well-preserved and shiny it was. Mathias Pfeil, head of the Bavarian State Office for the Preservation of Monuments, said, 'The sword still has to be examined for our archaeologists to further classify this find, but it can already be said now that the preservation is exceptional! A find like this one is really rare.'



Pictured: 3,400-year-old bronze sword. Source: @andтары2 Twitter

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Refilling Success

The UK is embracing refillable water bottles and asking for a water top up has become a regular occurrence. According to a poll by Refill, an app that maps venues offering refills, around 60 per cent of people living in the UK now carry a reusable bottle. This is compared with just 20 per cent eight years ago. Steve Hynd, policy manager at City to Sea, a plastics pollution charity that runs the app, said, 'It always used to be that slightly awkward moment of asking to have your water bottle refilled – but now it's the norm.'



Pictured: Refillable water bottles. Source: Canva

Water bottle brands continue to develop and make purchasing one more desirable. Chilly's have produced robust and heat-resistant water bottles and Air Up created the world's first bottle that flavours water using scent. Although progress has been made, there is still a lot of work to do to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles. The UK alone disposes of 10 million bottles each day!

**Do you have a refillable water bottle?
Do you know of any places where you can refill it?**



Pictured: A refilling station Source: Canva

Last week's topic: What is bravery?

Being brave is facing up to your biggest fears and challenges, even if you don't want to.

Year 2



Bravery is a way of showing you can do something even when it is your first time of doing it. Also you may be alone or be with some other persons.

Faithfulness Uyoyo
Guobadia

When you are afraid but continue to act.

Jack

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Ask adults at home what they know about the Wimbledon tennis tournament. Have you watched any of it together this year?
- Share your experiences of winning and losing with someone at home and ask them to share theirs. Think about how each feels and what you can learn from both situations.

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