

THE WEEK Junior

Great Ideas Guide
Primary Schools



Inspiration for using *The Week Junior* in your school

The Week Junior offers fantastic opportunities to enhance learning in and out of the classroom and across all subject areas. Topics are chosen to engage and inspire 8-11 year olds, covering everything from current affairs, technology, science and the environment, to animals, the arts and sport.

This guide offers flexible, fuss-free ideas for using *The Week Junior* in school. As well as using these in lessons, why not think about how you could make the most of them in circle time, school clubs, the library and for homework?



Spark discussion and debate

- What grabs the pupils' attention in the magazine? Ask them to choose an article, either individually or in groups, and talk about their views. What are the main points it makes? How does the article make them feel? Has it changed their opinion on an issue?
- As a class, use the weekly '**Big Debate**' page to get your pupils considering arguments for and against a topical issue. Take a vote to determine the class view and then have your say in our online poll. Make sure you check the next week's issue to see if the rest of the nation agrees with you.
- To develop pupils' debating skills further, share the background information provided on the '**Big Debate**' page but not the '**3 reasons why**'. Divide the class into four groups: two to argue for the motion and two against. Ask each group to identify the points they want to make and decide who is going to talk about each. Act as chair for the debate and give the teams opportunities to present their arguments and ask questions before a formal vote.



Encourage independent learning and research

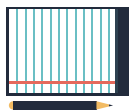
- Discuss an article in class and ask pupils to identify what they'd like to find out more about in relation to the topic. Encourage them to research new facts and to share their findings with the class.
- The '**What's On**' section highlights events and activities taking place across the UK. Challenge pupils to research and produce their own '**What's On**' guide for your area.
- Challenge your pupils to become picture researchers and set up your own '**Photos of the Week**' display, complete with captions.
- '**Around The World**' features quirky news stories from different countries. Ask pupils to research their own international story to add to a class map.





Foster a love of reading and writing

- Make **The Week Junior** the focus for weekly paired reading time, with older pupils supporting younger children as they choose articles to read together.
- Use the **'Book Club'** page as inspiration for new reading ideas. Could you set up your own book club?
- Ask pupils to write a review of their favourite book and send it in to the magazine for the **'Readers Recommend'** section.
- Ask pupils to write articles for the **'Over To You'** section. They could choose to write a report on something they've done in the holidays, a school event or offer their views on an article from **The Week Junior**.



Enhance subject learning

- Keep an archive of articles that relate to different areas of the curriculum so that you can incorporate them into your future lesson plans.
- Use the **'People'** section as a starting point for PSHE/PSE/PDMU/HWB activities focusing on relationships and living in the wider world.
- Create a class geography scrapbook of articles about different countries that pupils can look at when they learn about new places.
- Use ideas from **'How to...'** for some hands-on science learning.
- Start a weekly IT insiders spot, when pupils review some of the apps, videos and coding ideas covered in **'On Screen'** and share their own technology tips.



Explore new activities and get creative

- Read the **'Do Something'** section with pupils and encourage them to take up a new hobby. If they're keen, you could run a session in school.
- Get inspiration for trips and visits from our **'What's On'** pages.
- Make the most of the **'How to...'** ideas in lessons or as homework activities.
- Encourage budding photographers to email their images to the magazine for the **'Your Photos'** section.



Quick and easy learning opportunities

Got 15 minutes to fill? Why not:

- Do the **'Quiz of the Week'** with the class.
- Read the **'That's Unbelievable!'** page and ask pupils to share their own funny facts and tall tales.
- Ask pupils to make up their own headlines for news stories.

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