

THE PRIMARY PLANET HOMEWORK CLUB

TEACHER PACK

FEBRUARY 8-12

This pack includes ...

LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

PUPIL WORKSHEETS FOR THE WEEK

ANSWERS TO ALL ACTIVITIES

****Children can access all activities online as a paperless alternative where no photocopying is needed. ****

*****Children WILL NEED their TPP mags (ONLINE VERSION) when completing some of the activities*****

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Children visit www.theprimaryplanet.ie

1. TPP WEEKLY QUIZ (AUDIO)

(15 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS, POSTED ONLINE FROM MONDAY A.M.)

2. MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE (AUDIO)

(15 MATHS QUESTIONS, POSTED ONLINE FROM MONDAY A.M.)

3. VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

(A VOCABULARY ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

4. CLOZE TEST

(A COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

5. EDITING EXERCISE

(A SPELLING ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

6. QUIZ 32

(A CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

7. FUN QUIZ

(AURAL (AND FUN) ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ONLINE)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES EXPLAINED

1. TPP WEEKLY QUIZ (AUDIO)

A 15-question general knowledge audio quiz posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. Children listen to an audio file, as we call out the questions. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, in a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the quiz are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

2. TPP MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE (AUDIO)

A 15-question mental maths audio activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. Children listen to an audio file, as we call out the questions. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, in a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the Maths challenge are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

3. VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY (WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

A vocabulary enrichment activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. Vocabulary Constabulary challenges the children to find words throughout this month's magazine that match the definitions provided. The clues also provide differentiation (page numbers, starting letters, etc). They can write down their answers on the worksheet provided, in a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the vocabulary enrichment exercise are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

4. CLOZE TEST (WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

A comprehension activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. This activity requires the children to fill in the 10 words from the word box to complete the article. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the cloze tests are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

5. EDIT THE EDITOR (WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

A spelling activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. This activity requires the children to find the 10 misspelled words from the article. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the editing exercise are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

6. KNOW YOUR SPORT

A comprehension activity posted online this Monday from 9:00 a.m. In Know your Sport, the children must solve a crossword puzzle based on news from this month's sports section. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. By logging their answers online or emailing them in, each child will enter a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

7. FUN MUSIC QUIZ

A fun activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. In the FUN MUSIC QUIZ we play 10 clips of famous songs for the children to name. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. The answers will be posted on the Friday, allowing the children to self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child will enter a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

Answer sheet for your weekly

MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE

15 mental maths questions read aloud. You write down the answers as quickly (and correctly) as you can!
If we are going too fast for you, just play it again, and again, until you get all completed.

We'll reveal the answers every Friday! Ready? Let's go!

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FRIDAY SCORE: _____

Answer Sheet for your

TPP WEEKLY QUIZ

Right, before anyone asks you to do anything, be ready to shout: **IN TEN MINUTES!**
As that's how long it will take you to complete this, we're thinking.
OK, enough of the intro, we want answers ... **NOW!** So, listen up!

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FRIDAY SCORE: _____

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FRIDAY SCORE: _____

VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

Are you a good detective? The Vocabulary Constabulary needs your help.

You can often detect the meaning of a word or phrase by reading it in context, that is, by reading the other words around it in a piece of text. Find the page, article or paragraph in TPP and then detect the word or phrase that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the solution are in brackets after each clue.

LOCATION, Article/Paragraph

CLUE (number of letters, first letter)

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. P1 ... Fake News | Supply, provide, arm. (5,e) |
| 2. P2 ... and Action | It cannot be got anywhere else. (9,e) |
| 3. P3 PE With Joe | Worn out, very tired, fatigued. (9,e) |
| 4. P3 ... Homework ... | In the fewest possible words. (2,1,8,i,a,n) |
| 5. P4 ... Air Traffic | Inexpensive, low-cost, cheap (6,b) |
| 6. P4 Dublin Drops ... | Puts together, assembles, arranges. (8,c) |
| 7. P4 Dublin Drops ... | Demoted, reduced in rank, lowered. (10,d) |
| 8. P5 ... Gas News | A detailed examination, survey or study. (8,a) |
| 9. P6 ... Icefall | a wonder, a marvel, a sensation (10,p) |
| 10. P7 ... Cave Art | Found unexpectedly. (8,4,s,u) |

Your answers

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Now, sort your answers into alphabetical order!

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CLOZE TEST

We've made this piece a bit trickier by taking out 10 words. This is called a Cloze test. Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

Word Bank				
oxygen	milk	Greek	possess	common
means	hold	backbone	oceans	fish

CETACEANS

The English word cetacean comes from the ancient _____ (1) language and _____ (2) 'huge fish'.

It is no surprise, therefore, that members of the cetacean family include whales, dolphins and porpoises.

Even though all members of this aquatic family (over 80 in total) live in the _____ (3) and seas, they have this in _____ (4) with humans – they are mammals.

A mammal is a warm-blooded vertebrate that feeds her young with _____ (5).

The word vertebrate describes mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish with a _____ (6) or spinal column.

Like all mammals, whales need to breathe in _____ (7) to survive.

They cannot breathe underwater like _____ (8), as they do not _____ (9) gills.

Some of the larger whales can _____ (10) their breath for up to 90 minutes.

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EDIT THE EDITOR

This spelling activity is based on an article from the feature in this month's issue of The Primary Planet. Read through the article and see if you can spot the 10 spelling mistakes.

Gitanjali: Kid of the Year (page 7)

Meet the 15-year-old who has been named TIME magazine's first-ever 'Kid of the Year'.

Gitanjali Rao is a scientist and inventor from Denver in the United States of America.

She has already invented a number of things, such as an app that can detect lead in drinking water and a browser extension that can identify cyber-bullying.

She has also mentored over 30,000 students! Gitanjali was chosen by experts and a committee of other young people, from a pool of over 5,000 applicants.

She, along with four other finalists, were honored on a special television show on kid's channel Nickelodeon.

TIME is one of the most famous publications in the world and is renowned for its annual Person of the Year award, which began in 1927.

Previous winners include Mahatma Gandhi, Greta Thunberg and Pope Francis.

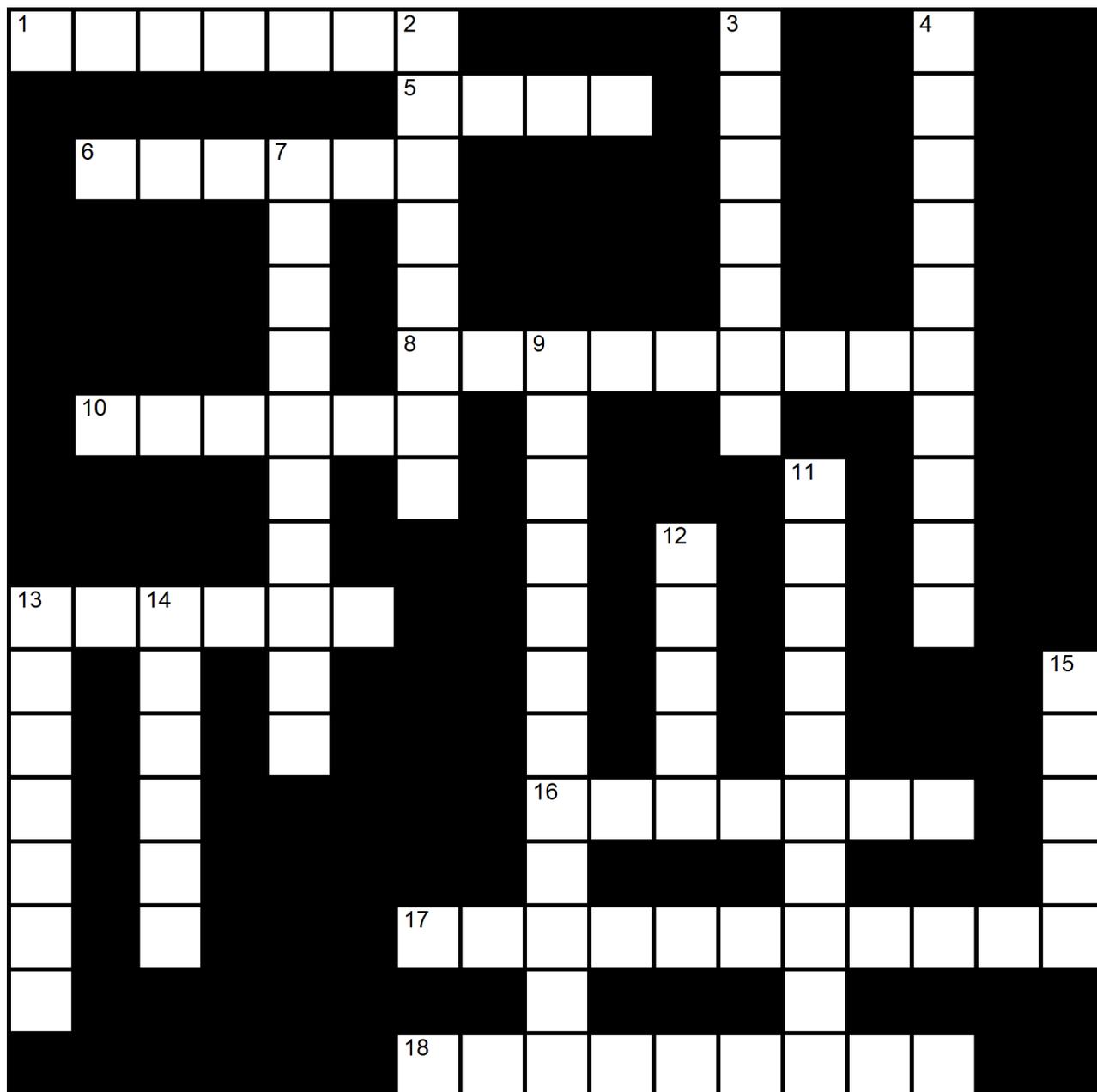
Gitanjali featured on the front cover and was interviewed by Angelina Jolie, award-winning actor and activist.

'I think, more than anything now, we just have to find that one thing [problem] we're passionate about, and solve it,' Gitanjali said.

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KNOW YOUR SPORT

Use your skimming and scanning skills to complete this month's crossword. Answers to the clues below can be found in this month's sports section.



ACROSS

- 1 Andy ____ :head coach of the Ireland rugby team (7)
- 5 The 2007 Asian Cup winners (4)
- 6 American football team, the ____ City Chiefs (6)
- 8 1998 FA Cup winners (9)
- 10 Nevers & Beziers - rugby clubs in this country (6)
- 13 Glasgow Celtic manager, Neil _____ (6)
- 16 This soccer club is nicknamed the Toffees (7)
- 17 They beat Ireland 3-0 in cricket (11)
- 18 Stephen Bennett plays hurling for this county (9)

DOWN

- 2 Jerry Kiernan's hometown. (8)
- 3 Paul Stirling's sport. (7)
- 4 American football team, the Tampa Bay _____. (10)
- 7 South Africa rugby team's nickname (10)
- 9 Jason Quigley's boxing weight. (12)
- 11 Mauricio ____ is Paris Saint-Germain manager. (10)
- 12 Gearóid Hegarty hurls for this county. (5)
- 13 Frank _____ was replaced as Chelsea manager. (7)
- 14 Women's World Cup winners in 1995. (6)
- 15 2013 FA Cup champions. (5)

ANSWERS

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT www.theprimaryplanet.ie FOR THE FUN MUSIC QUIZ

Vocabulary Constabulary

1. equip
2. exclusive
3. exhausted
4. in a nutshell
5. budget
6. compiles
7. downgraded
8. analysis
9. phenomenon
10. stumbled upon

Alphabetical Order

1. analysis
2. budget
3. compiles
4. downgraded
5. equip
6. exclusive
7. exhausted
8. in a nutshell
9. phenomenon
10. stumbled upon

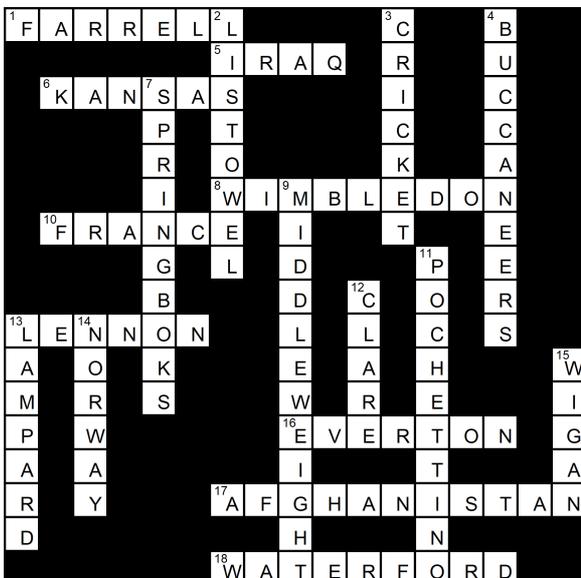
Cloze Test

1. Greek
2. means
3. oceans
4. common
5. milk
6. backbone
7. oxygen
8. fish
9. possess
10. hold

Edit the editor

1. Inventor
2. Extension
3. Students
4. Committee
5. Applicants
6. Honoured
7. Famous
8. Annual
9. Interviewed
10. passionate

Know Your Sport



PUPILS CAN TUNE IN FROM 9 A.M. EVERY FRIDAY TO HEAR THE ANSWERS TO ALL ACTIVITIES CALLED OUT SO THEY CAN MARK THEIR SCORE IN THIS WEEK'S SET OF ACTIVITIES

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