



Remembrance Day

11th November 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are always so proud of everything the children achieve in school and we know that we all achieve so many things! At the end of last week, it was amazing to see that a much wider audience were able to appreciate the wonderful skills, creativity and outcomes of our children. This was seen through our social media sites where the writing and art outcomes from all year groups, from our Carnival of the Animals unit were seen by a staggering 55, 000 people! The positive comments and the congratulations from people were lovely and it made us all realise how superb the staff and children are at SdS.

This week has also been wonderful with the Life Education team in school, along with Rainforest Dave, plus continuing lessons across the whole of the curriculum, culminating today with a poignant and thought proving Remembrance Assembly from Year 6.

If you are available on Sunday, please do join me and the local community at a Remembrance service at Grangewood Park from 10:45am. This will be delivered by East Hunsbury Parish Council.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly

Poster of the Week

This week we talked about how important teams are and how we all work together to achieve together. We talked about the many different teams we all belong to and how we all play our part in making our teams successful. These teams in school, include our class team, our year group team, our whole school team and the many leadership teams we also have.



**A successful team
beats with one heart.**

Thunk of the Week

A **thunk** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



What makes you?



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Are you looking for a school place for your child joining
Reception in September 2024?

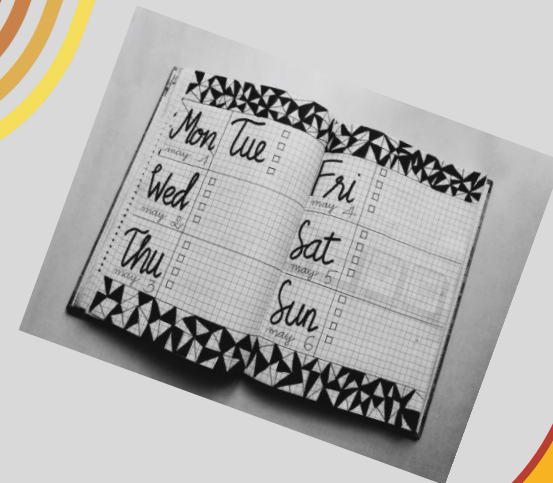
Come to visit us on Thursday November 16th at 6pm.

To book go to: [Simon De Senlis Primary School - Home](#)



Our Autumn Term, Dates for your

diary



Date	Year group	Event
13th November	Whole	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week
16th November	Prospective Parents September 2024	Open evening for prospective Parents for September 2024 at 6pm.
17th November	Whole School	Mufti day for Children in Need. Donations, if you would like to, via Just giving, opens 8th Nov – 21st Nov.
21st November	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations.
28th November	Year 4 parents	Brass Assembly NMPAT
1st December	Whole School	Christmas Colour Hamper donations accepted with Thanks. Tickets go on sale on ParentMail.
4th December	The Players. Drama club.	Costume deadline. In a named bag please and to be kept in school.
4th December	Whole School	This is the final week of Clubs for this term.
5th December	Prospective Parents September 2024	Open Morning 09:30 for prospective parents 2024.

Date	Year group	Event
11th December	The Players. Drama Club.	Parents and Families. Tickets available via ParentMail from 31.10.23. 3 tickets per Child
12th December	All Parents / Carers	Sleep Management Parent Workshop 5pm - 6pm
13th December	Year 5	National Space Centre.
14th December	Whole School	Dolce Christmas Lunch
20th December	Whole School	Christmas raffle draw
20th December	Whole School. 1pm.	Christmas Party. Mufti day
20th December	Whole School	Break up for the Festive period
4th January	Whole School	School re-opens for Children
15th January	All Parents	Simon Aston Online Safety Workshop for parents 8:45 – 9:45am

Simon de Senlis
Christmas Performances 2023





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Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Tickets
Reception	7th December 8th December	1:30pm 09:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 1	7th December 8th December	2:30pm 10:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 2	7th December 8th December	2pm 10:00am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 3	12th December	2pm	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 4	12th December	09:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 5	15th December	11:15am	St Benedicts Church	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child
Year 6	15th December	09:45am	St Benedicts Church	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child
Wiggins	14th December	2:15pm	Wiggins Class-room	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Robinson	13th December	2:30pm	Robinson Class-room	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child



East Hunsbury Parish Council

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This coming Remembrance Sunday
Join your community commemoration -
A quiet gathering to remember
To mark the 11am silence

Join us from 10.45am. - 11.10am
At the memorial benches at Grangewood Park (off
Clannell Rd opposite Big Tesco)

All welcome

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EAST HUNSBURY REMEMBERS

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Grangewood Park, beside the memorial benches

(Access from Clannell Road opposite Tesco car park)

Gather at 10.45am, for wreath laying and to mark the period of silence at 11am. All community welcome



On Friday 17th November we are having a Mufti Day (Weather appropriate clothes please) to raise money for: BBC Children in Need. If you would like to donate, please type the below into your browser.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/simon-de-senlis-1699443332999>



Next week is Anti-bullying week across the UK. Our anti-bullying ambassadors will be leading the assemblies for KS1 and KS2 on Monday to remind all our pupils of the definition of bullying, what to do if you experience bullying and how to report it if you see it. This year's theme 'make a noise' is about speaking out and seeking support. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their odd socks on Monday- it's good to be different!

Sports

Cross -Country

- This week our fantastic SDS team of runners competed in the cross-country race around Abington Park. In tricky, muddy conditions year 4,5 and 6 children raced against other 28 schools from Northamptonshire. All the team were resilient and persevered to reach the finish line. Well done team.
- If you want to develop your running skills why not find a club to join near you. Follow this link to discover more;
- <http://www.northantsathletics.org.uk/clubs/>
- Stay active, Miss Bland





*We can wear our odd socks on Monday 13th November.
Anti Bullying week celebrates differences.*





Competition Overview:

This is a chance for students to design a festive scene that will be featured on a Country Lion coach, bringing festive joy across Northamptonshire.

Competition Details:

Age Range: Open to all students in the primary age group (0-11 years).

Competition Pack: A coach template for designing the Christmas scene is provided, this has been sent home with your child today.

Voting: The public will vote for their favourite design on the Country Lion Facebook page.

Winner Selection: The most 'liked' design by 5 pm on 1st December will be declared the winner.

Prize: A £50 voucher from Smyths toy shop for the winning student, plus their design will become a moving artwork on our coach.

Unveiling: The decorated coach will be unveiled at the winner's school in a special ceremony.





Mrs Cotterill says....

Attendance reminder

Following the NPAT attendance policy, if your child's attendance has dropped below 96%, you may receive a letter sharing this with you this week. This is an NPAT letter and if you receive one of these, you do not need to respond to school at this stage.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the school office or organise a meeting with myself directly.

Lates reminder

Any child that arrives after 8.45am but before 9.15am is marked with an 'L' code which is classed as 'late before the register closes'. If a child arrives at school after 9.15am they are then marked with a 'U' code which is classed as 'un-authorised absence'.

Lessons begin at 8.45am with morning tasks in all classrooms and as we know a prompt start in the mornings has huge benefits on a child's learning. Unfortunately, repeated lateness can mean children missing vital input required for the day ahead.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Mrs Cotterill says....

Head lice and nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.



Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long.

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Mrs Cotterill says....

1) Get a Letter from Santa

Watch a child's face light up as they open their very own Letter from Santa! It's filled with personal details only Santa could know – such as their age and their favourite activity.

There are eight new designs to choose from, including 'Christmas Around The World' which teaches the fun festive traditions of different cultures.

And guess what – you can order a Letter from Santa in English or Welsh (Wedi'r cyfan, mae Sion Corn wedi teithio dipyn!)

Order your Letter from Santa by 13th December to make sure Rudolph can deliver real magic by Christmas Day.

[Order your Letter from Santa](#)



[Letter from Santa](#) | [Personalised Christmas Letters](#) | [NSPCC](#)

Create real magic in 3 simple steps



Choose one of eight NEW designs



Personalise with special details



Order magical memories by donating £8

NSPCC

The NSPCC has a section on their website, where you can order a personalised letter from Santa for your child to receive. The cost of this goes towards supporting the NSPCC and is a donation of £8.

In addition to this, the NSPCC have a section on their website with ideas of activities you can do indoors with your children over the festive period.

[6 indoor Christmas games and activities for kids and families](#) | [NSPCC](#)

New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

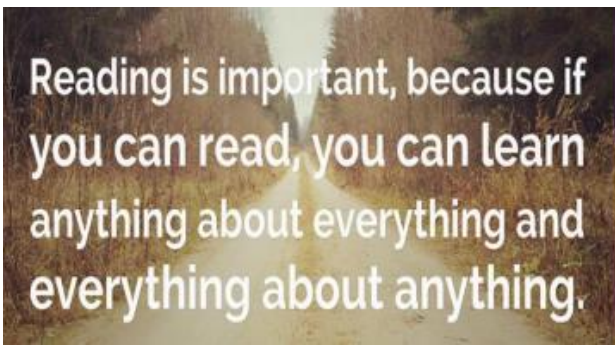
29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier • Kinder • Together



We are looking for people who are able to offer 1 or 2 hours a week to volunteer in school. We primarily need people to listen to children read but may also ask you to help with art activities and other group work.

What we need from you: 1 or 2 hours per week of your time.

An application pack and DBS check completed prior to coming into school.

What we can offer you: A warm, welcoming environment where your donation of time is incredibly

appreciated.

Fantastic children to work with.

A sense of satisfaction that you are making a difference.

Please email jennifer.deboard@simondesenis.org if you would like to chat about what it entails or to volunteer.

THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

We thought about diversity in our assembly this week and how wonderful it is that we are all unique. From favouring various biscuits and toys, to our different looks and our diverse beliefs, we realised that it would be boring if we were all the same. Our differences make each one of us special. In ks1, we listened to the story 'When Cookie Crumbled' and in ks2, we thought about differing views and how the views of others deserve both our tolerance and our respect.



Non-Fiction November 2023

Every year, the National Literacy Trust celebrates Non-Fiction November.

This year, the theme is 'Wonderful Water'.

Their research has found that *'providing children with the opportunity to read and explore non-fiction plays a vital role in helping them to learn about their world, as well as fostering reading for pleasure.'*

Here are a few suggested books that you might like to read on the theme of water.

Protecting the Planet: Ice Journey of a Polar Bear
Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Lou Baker-Smith



Publishing in November 2023, this beautifully illustrated book looks at how polar bears are coping with climate change and how we can help them.

One Day on our Blue Planet... in the Ocean
Ella Bailey

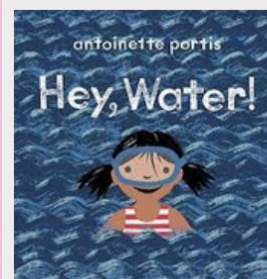


Follow the adventures of a bottle-nosed dolphin calf as she explores the Pacific Ocean with her mother, meeting many fascinating creatures. 'In the Antarctic' (ISBN: 978-1912497096) is another title in this charming series.

The Rhythm of the Rain
Grahame Baker-Smith

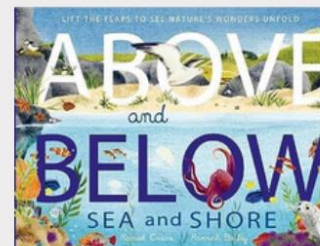


Although not a poem, this gorgeous picture book is one not to be missed! A stunning celebration of the water cycle.



A young girl explores her environment and finds that water is everywhere. At the end of the book, there is additional factual information. A wonderful way to encourage conversations about the importance of water!

Above and Below: Sea and Shore
Harriet Evans and Hannah Bailey



Exploring the incredible plants and creatures which live beneath the waves, this is a perfect book for sharing.

The Big Book of the Blue
Yuval Zommer



One of the 'Big Book of...' series, 'The Big Book of the Blue' combines stunning illustrations with plenty of information offered in an appealing, informal style.

BARVEMBER

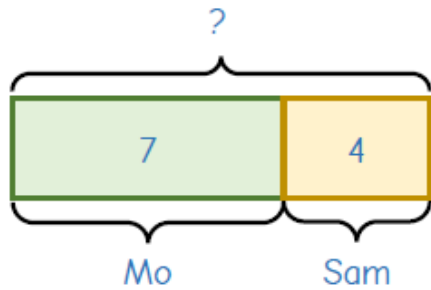
Maths

1 Mo has 7 coins.



Sam has 4 coins.

How many coins do they have in total?



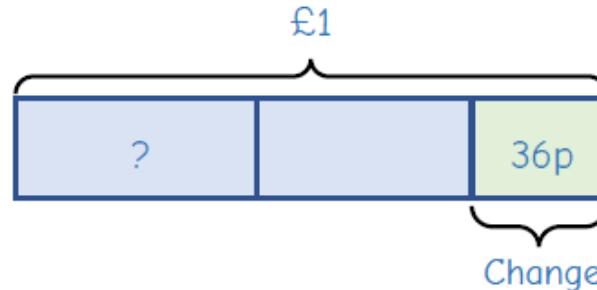
2 Lucy buys 2 rulers.



She pays with a £1 coin.

She gets 36p change.

How much does one ruler cost?



In school we are taking part in Barvember. You can also follow along at home too:

[Barvember | November maths problems | White Rose Maths](#)

What is Barvember? What's the point?

Barvember is organised by White Rose Maths to encourage everyone to use the bar model. We believe that the Bar Model is a useful tool for helping children visualise and then solve maths problems. Even some of the most complex problems can be seen much easier when represented visually.

Barvember provides an opportunity for everyone to just do some maths.

We know that the bar model is not the ONLY way of visualising a problem and we also know that these problems can be solved in the other ways.

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2024

We invite you to visit our amazing school, to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 28th 2023 at 6:00pm | October 9th 2023 at 9:30am

November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am

January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



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From the 1st December, please bring your donations for the Christmas Colour Hampers

Please do not bring your items early as we have no-where to store them.

Reception – Items that are Red

Year 1 – Items that are Blue

Year 2 – Items that are Green

Year 3 – Items that are Yellow / Gold

Year 4 – Items that are Silver

Year 5 – Items that are Pink/Purple

Year 6 – Items that are White

Wiggins & Robinson – Items that are Orange

School Mental Health Leads

Ms Cunningham and Miss Cotterill are the Mental Health Leads at Simon de Senlis

If you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's mental wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us in school.



Laura Cunningham

Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Cotterill

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Cuppa with a Copper - Hunsbury Library

Officers from the local Neighborhood policing team will be holding a community surgery on:

- Wed 22nd November
- Wed 20th December

Sessions run between 10am and 12pm at Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Northampton NN4 0RZ.

Also: A community surgery on **Monday 16th October 2023** , from **12pm to 1:30pm**, at Northampton General Hospital, South Entrance desk.

We will be on hand to listen to any concerns you have in your local community and to offer crime prevention advice.

Please come along to speak to your local officers about any issues of concern in your local community.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

<div></div> Pupil Days	<div></div> Bank Holidays
<div></div> School Holidays	<div></div> Teacher Training Days

NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

Teacher Training Days
Monday 2 September 2024
Tuesday 3 September 2024
Monday 4 November 2024
Monday 24 February 2025
Monday 2 June 2025

September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	
Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri	30	6	13	20	27	

October 2024						
Mon	30	7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		

November 2024						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tues		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2024						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thu	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		

January 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
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Fri	3	10	17	24	31	

February 2025						
Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	

April 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		

May 2025						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	
Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	

July 2025						
Mon	30	7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		

August 2025						
Mon			4	11	18	25
Tues			5	12	19	26
Wed			6	13	20	27
Thu			7	14	21	28
Fri		1	8	15	22	29

10TH
NOVEMBER
2023

NEWS
FOR OUR
CHILDREN



What's happening in the news this week?



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

6th - 12th November 2023



Let's look at this week's story

A study, conducted by the government and backed by the Money and Pensions Service, has estimated that around 5.4 million children in the UK do not have the money skills they will need in adulthood. Less than half of children and teenagers aged 7 to 17 have received a meaningful financial education, according to the results. It also found that a third of children recall learning about money in school and finding it useful, and nearly a quarter received key elements of financial education at home.





How important is it to understand money?

Reflection



As we get older, we will need to take responsibility for money. It's important to learn and understand the difference between saving and spending and how to be responsible for our finances.



Millions of Years Older Moon!



Pictured: Moon. Source: Canva.

A recently published study has revealed that the Moon could be at least 4.46 billion years old - 40 million years older than originally believed! Researchers analysing samples of moon rock, brought back to Earth by Apollo 17 between 1969 and 1972, say that the Moon is much older than they previously thought. Scientists theorise that zircon crystals contained in the lunar rock samples are a 'key indicator' and show when the Moon must have formed. Professor Philipp Heck, senior author of the new study said it was, 'amazing being able to have proof that the rock you're

holding is the oldest bit of the Moon we've found so far'. Philipp, who also works at Chicago's Natural History Field Museum as curator in charge of the meteorite and physical geology collections, added, 'It's an anchor point for so many questions about the Earth. When you know how old something is, you can better understand what has happened to it in its history.'
Do you know any interesting facts about the Moon?
Were you surprised to hear how old it is believed to be?

Picture News Pupil Journalist Competition Winner!

We are very happy to share an extract of the winning article, written by Daniel O'Flynn. Daniel is aged 11 and has reported on Crathes Primary School's recent mosquito project. Congratulations, Daniel!



Pictured: A mosquito. Source: Daniel O'Flynn.

Marvellous Mosquitoes

At Crathes Primary School, the Primary 5-7 class have been learning all about mosquitoes for their topic. They have been outdoor learning with an expert on mosquitoes, called Jill Birch. The project has been supported by the Reece Lab who are doing research on mosquitoes and are based in Edinburgh.

Mosquitoes are insects that live everywhere except Antarctica. They are an important part of the food chain, [...] they carry a deadly disease called Malaria [...] but there are cures. [...]

Did you know a group of mosquitoes is called a cloud and female mosquitoes lay up to 500 eggs in their lifetime?

By Daniel O'Flynn, aged 11, Crathes Primary School.

Did you learn anything new about mosquitoes from Daniel?

Pictured: Daniel O'Flynn.
Source: Crathes Primary School.

Awesome Alligator



Pictured: 'NYC Legend' by artist Alexander Klingspor. **Source:** Union Square @UnionSquareNY X page.

An impressive sewer alligator sculpture has been unveiled in Union Square Park, honouring a New York City myth that has been around for hundreds of years. The large bronze sculpture of the reptile of legend, called 'NYC Legend', is a life-sized alligator on the back of a manhole cover, created by Swedish artist, Alexander Klingspor. Union Square is a historic intersection and surrounding neighbourhood in Manhattan, New York City, USA, located where Broadway and Fourth Avenue meet. For decades, urban myths have told the tales of alligators being released into the city's underground sewer system when they grew too large for their owners to safely look after them! Union Square declared on their X page, 'We

are thrilled to announce the opening of "NYC Legend" by artist Alexander Klingspor in the Triangle Plaza of Union Square Park! 🐊 "NYC Legend" is a story about mythology, survival, and resilience. The installation will be on display from October 2023 to June 2024.' Alexander commented on his artwork, saying, 'Stories are the very backbone of human civilisation giving shape to our shared consciousness through sculptures, paintings, and architecture. This piece is a testament to our timeless drive to find icons in nature, and to the bridge that myth builds between the ancient and modern that still echoes today.'

Are there any mythical creatures you would like to create artwork of?

Last week's topic:

Should speed limits be lowered in your local area?



I don't think that lowering speed limits will make drivers safer. Everyone needs to pay lots of attention around roads in order to stop accidents from happening.

Ali

Yes, slower vehicle speeds will help keep everyone safe!

Gustav

I think that to stop people getting hurt, drivers need to be very careful with their cars. Lowering speed limits is one way to keep people safe.

Mandy

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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FG Trade

In the news this week

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is your first memory of money?
- > Share your own experiences of money.
- > What do you think is the best way to learn about money and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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