

NewsRoom Daily Activity Plan



Twinkl NewsRoom delivers the news for kids today. Our daily kids news reports are child-friendly and a perfect way to help your class explore the news with confidence. Each kids news report comes with a range of curriculum-friendly questions and extension ideas. It's the perfect way to teach reading comprehension around the news!

Our suggested structure is here to help your child engage with current affairs and practise key learning skills at the same time. By using the article, questions and tasks, your child will be able to learn about events happening across the world while allowing them to develop their reading, writing and investigative skills.

Open the news article for your child's age and look at the picture. Ask your child questions about the image and headline.

- What could this story be about?
- Why do you think the editor chose that picture?
- What might have happened?

(2-3 minutes)



As they read the article, or after they have finished, talk to them about it. When thinking of your own questions, use the 5Ws to help you. For example:

- What has happened?
- Who is the news story about?
- Where did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- Why did it happen? Why is this story in the news?

(5 minutes)

Daily News

26th March 2021

Extreme Flooding in Australia

What is a flood?

- A flood is an overflow of water on to land that is usually dry.
- A flood can start for many reasons, including heavy rainfall, melting snow or as a result of tropical storms in coastal areas.

After days of heavy rainfall, there has been extreme flooding in parts of Australia. Lots of different groups are working hard to help those in need of help.

The main areas affected have been in New South Wales (NSW) and South East Queensland. So far, around 40,000 people have been evacuated from their homes. In some areas, there has been recorded rainfall of around 100mm on hour.

This has caused damage to people's homes.

to safety. Rescue missions included helping a 60-year-old and a pregnant woman. It is not just humans who are being helped either. The NSW Police force on the weekend were able to rescue eight greyhounds and a pig later.

The prime minister said he wanted to say

Encourage your child to read all of the questions first. Then, see if they can answer any from memory. Teach them to look back at the news story to help them answer the trickier questions and to check their answers. If they got any wrong, use the answer sheet to help them understand their mistakes. Finally, explain how to answer those types of questions more successfully next time.

(10 minutes)

Questions

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- Which areas have been particularly affected by flooding?
- In the sentence, **Although rainfall is slowing, it is predicted that there will continue to be flooding for some days.** What is meant by the word **predicted**?
- How do you think Scott Morrison feels about the floods?
- Tick each statement to show whether it is true or false.

	True	False
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Look at the activities on the Task Sheet and the Image Sheet. These are designed to deepen your child's understanding. The activities on the Task Sheet encourage them to explore, investigate or write about topics linked to the story. The activities on the Image Sheet encourage your child to solve a maths problem, create, paint or build something and even discuss a philosophical question linked to the story.

(15 minutes)

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Flooding in Australia

Explore

What are floods? Use this [fact file](#) to help you learn about what floods are different types of floods.

Once you have finished, can you create your own fact file to explain to other people how floods occur?

Make sure you use diagrams to help make your explanations clear.

Reflect

This news story features different people who help. Why has helped you?