

A Seasoned Squad

Australia has named its team for the first Ashes Test against England, which starts on 21st November in the city of Perth, in Western Australia.

The Ashes is a famous cricket series played between England and Australia. It happens every two years, and the winner takes home a tiny trophy called the Ashes urn. The teams take turns hosting the matches in each country, and this time it is being held in Australia. All but one of the Australian players chosen this year are over 30 years old, which is unusual in sport. Only Cameron Green is younger, who is 26. Some people think the team should include more younger players, while others believe experience

Pictured: A cricket bat and ball.
Source: Canva.



helps a team stay strong. Australia's chief selector, George Bailey, said the players chosen 'deserve respect' because they are still playing very well.

England will be hoping to win their first Ashes series in Australia since 2010–11. The five-match series will finish in early January.

What do you think matters more in sport – experience or fresh new talent?

Egypt's Grand New GEM!

A huge new museum has opened in Egypt. It's called the Grand Egyptian Museum (or GEM for short) and it's one of the biggest in the world!

The museum shows about 100,000 ancient objects from Egypt's long history. For the first time, all of King Tutankhamun's treasures are

on display together, including his gold mask, throne and chariots. The museum is next to the Great Pyramid of Giza, just outside Egypt's capital city, Cairo. Its walls are covered in hieroglyphs, and the entrance is shaped like a pyramid too. It took about 20 years to build and cost around £910 million. Inside, it's about the size of 70 football pitches! Visitors can see giant statues, a tall stone obelisk, and a wooden boat that is more than 4,000 years old. ***If you want to find out more about this story, check out the Picture News Global resource on your Members Area.***



Pictured: The pyramids of Giza, Egypt.
Source: Canva.

Should fireworks be changed so we protect animals and people at the same time?



I think that we should change fireworks and use drones instead. The drones don't scare animals because they are quiet. Some animals have sensitive ears. **Maeve**

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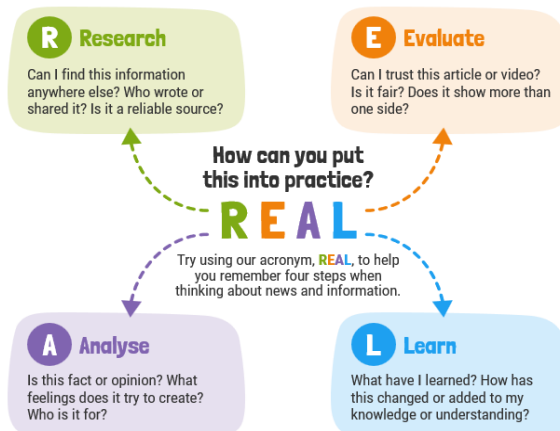
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Think Before You Click

From 2028, children in England will start learning how to spot fake news and manage money in school. The Department for Education says the new lessons will help children tell the difference between real and false information, including online stories made by AI. Some people say these lessons are important because not everything online is true, and some stories are made to trick people or make them feel a certain way.

Lessons will help to develop critical thinking skills to help keep children safe on the internet. In maths, pupils will learn practical money skills, such as how to save and budget, and how loans, interest, and mortgages work. The government says these are the first big changes to the curriculum in more than ten years.

Picture News has a special media literacy slide each week to talk about the news! Using the REAL acronym (Research, Evaluate, Analyse, Learn),



Pictured: Picture News REAL acronym for media literacy.

children can think carefully about what they see online, check facts, and make informed decisions. These skills can help children spot fake news, adverts, and misinformation, and understand the world around them better!

How can you use REAL to check the news you see online? What other ways can you stay safe on the internet?

Pretty in Pink!

A rare diamond with two colours has been discovered in Botswana, southern Africa. The rough gem weighs 37.4 carats (around 7.5 grams) and is half-pink and half-colourless! Experts think it formed in two stages, with the pink half forming first. Pink diamonds are very rare, and scientists still don't fully understand how they get their colour. Some believe it happens when changes in the diamond's structure occur as it forms deep underground. Most coloured diamonds get their shades from different elements; blue diamonds from boron and yellow ones from nitrogen, but pink diamonds remain a mystery! Diamonds are made of carbon and form far beneath the Earth's surface,



Pictured: A rare 37.4-carat diamond from Botswana's Karowe Mine and is half-pink and half-clear. **Source:** GIA Education on Facebook.

in a layer called the mantle. There, carbon is squeezed and heated under huge pressure, sometimes for millions of years. Ancient volcanic eruptions then bring them up to the surface. Today, scientists can even make diamonds in laboratories, and one inventor has created sky diamonds using carbon from the air!

If you could create your own diamond, what colour would it be and why?

Should fireworks be changed so we protect animals and people at the same time?



I love fireworks - the smell and colours and boom! But if I don't know that they are going to happen, they frighten me.

Graeme

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