

## Year 3 English

This week you will become a reporter for “The Daily Bugle”. As a reporter, you will have to investigate a case of pollution in the River Pinn. You will do some research, check your facts and interview an informant

### Monday

LI: To be able to identify pollutants and their possible sources. To understand and make notes on what you have read.

Take a close look at the images (you can find them at the end of this doc). What pollutants can you see? Can you classify the pollutants in to any particular groups? (for example: rubbish)

Now check with the next set of information cards about those pollutants. Were they what you thought?

Take a look at these websites and the information cards. Then research the effects of pollution on the plants and animals in the river, and on the town that it’s flowing through.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rivers/pollution.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om42Lppkd9w>

Make notes on the effect of pollution on the river. Think about where this pollution may come from.

### Tuesday

LI: To formulate questions relevant to the pollution of a river.

Imagine you are sitting in your newspaper office when you are told that a local resident has made a complaint about pollution and will be coming in to discuss this with you. You can choose which type of pollution your informant has come in to discuss with you. Remember Destination Reader and the type of questions you could use to get as much information from your informant. I expect everyone to at least have 5 questions. Think of the 5W questions: where, what, when, who, why.

**Now pretend you are that informant and write the answers to the questions you asked. If there is an adult available, you could ask them to help you with this.**

### Wednesday

LI: Plan your newspaper report (see the example of the Daily Bugle and the planning sheets)

Looking back at the questions and answers from yesterday as well as Monday’s information facts, write a plan for your newspaper report. Think back to when you did the Eruption of

Vesuvius and the features of a newspaper reports (You can use the template at the end of these sheets).

Remember to use the features of a newspaper report? (You can check with the checklist at the end of this document).

Don't forget about convincing your reader how important the cleanliness of the river is to all the people of the town (This could be your conclusion).

### **Thursday**

L1: Write the first draft of your report – if you want to you can use Word so you can insert pictures. Take a look at the template as a guideline on how to set it up.

### **Friday**

Edit and redraft you newspaper report and take a photo to send in – Don't forget to write your name as the reporter for the newspaper. If you want to try an extra challenge, record a short video of yourself reading your report.

**Have you included a Gripping title?**

**Do you have a quote?**

**We look forward to reading your report!**















## Plastic

I hate seeing plastic rubbish floating in the river and stuck along the riverbank. I wish people would put their rubbish in the bin rather than throwing it in the river. However, there are hardly any bins along the riverbank so I can understand why people get fed up with carrying their rubbish.

I also worry about the animals who live by the river. I am sure they must get tangled up in plastic bags and eat some of the smaller pieces of plastic. I have also heard that plastic in rivers can float to the sea and add to the terrible plastic pollution that affects the world oceans. All in all, we need to clean up the river... now!

Kevin Poole, local resident



## Rubbish

There is so much rubbish floating in the river, it is truly disgusting. Crisp packets, sandwich wrappers, drinks cans and bags of dog mess are all floating about in there. There is even a shopping trolley and an old mattress further upstream because people have been fly-tipping. Just think about the filth and germs created by all that rubbish!

It's going to take a lot of cleaning up. The river will need to be dredged, which will cost so much money. I think something needs to be done to prevent the rubbish from getting into the water in the first place. Why aren't there more recycling bins available next to the river? Why isn't the local tip open later, so people don't fly-tip? There should also be community officers patrolling the river and fining anyone who drops litter. That would make people think twice.

Catherine Whittam, litter-picking volunteer





## Sewage

Unfortunately, dirty water from drains and sewers has accidentally found its way into the river. The drains in the local area haven't been cleaned for a long time, which has meant they are clogged up with human waste and rubbish. Many people still seem to be flushing rubbish and used nappies down their toilets, which have caused major blockages. Due to the blockages, the drains have overflowed after this week's heavy rainfall.

Raw sewage has entered the river, so we are warning local residents to ensure that no people or pets come into contact with the water, as it contains germs that could make them very ill. All the drains in the local area will be checked and cleaned over the coming year to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Meena Lin, councillor



## Agriculture

I have lived next to Fenwrighton Farm for many years and I have always been worried about the chemicals they use on their fields. Now I have noticed that the water in the river has turned yellow and some of the fish have died. We've had really heavy rainfall over the last few weeks, so I am sure the water has run off the farmer's fields and into the river. There might be all sorts of toxic chemicals and animal waste in the water now. The smell is horrendous!

I have read that pesticides and fertiliser in the water can help green algae to grow, which can harm plants and animals. I love living by a river, but I don't want to live by a chemical wasteland. I hope the farmer is caught and fined for polluting the river. It might make him more careful and choose less harmful chemicals to use on his fields.

Irena Hania Filipek, local resident





## Industry

I'm going to write to my local MP about this. I have fished on this stretch of the river for 30 years and have always caught plenty of fish and seen many species of wildlife. Over the last year, there have been less and less fish to catch. I have also seen dead fish floating on the surface of the water, and there is a greenish tinge that I think is green algae. Green algae takes all the oxygen from the water, so it is impossible for plants and animals to survive.

I have also noticed a strange smell by the river; a smell of chemicals. I'm so worried that waste materials and chemicals are being dumped in the river or are leaking from the factories nearby. I'm thinking of fishing somewhere else from now on.

Jes Metcalfe, angler



## Oil and fuel

I have noticed lots of rainbow-coloured oil and fuel spillages in the water lately and I am getting fed up of it! Lots of people enjoy swimming, canoeing and fishing here, but they don't realise that some of the leisure boats that use the river too are spilling oil and fuel into the water and polluting the river.

Oil is so dangerous. Animals can be poisoned, and oil can clog the feathers of birds. Not all boat owners are irresponsible, but I am sure that many of the boats on this part of the river need servicing and repairing to make sure there are no more spills. The idea of rolling into the water and swallowing oil and fuel fills me with horror! I am going to hand out leaflets to the boat owners to ask them to clean up their boats. I hope that helps.

Daisy Spellman, canoe instructor



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## Families Furious at Flood Defence Failure

**Houses built on floodplains are consumed by water after flood defences fail.**

Young families in Mistleton have been forced to abandon their houses after three feet of water flooded the Foxwood Housing Estate on Tuesday evening.

After more than three inches of rain fell in 24 hours, the River Swell burst its banks and flooded the brand new housing estate. More than 100 houses are thought to be affected.

When the people living on the estate bought their houses, they were assured that there was only a very small, 1-in-1000-year chance of their houses ever being flooded. However, less than a year later, the properties are swamped with water.

'We all know this area is a floodplain,' reveals Foxwood homeowner, Martin Hough, 'but we were all given a written document from the Environment Agency claiming the area was now safe from flooding. This wasn't supposed to happen!'

Two years ago, the town was given £3 million to spend on flood defences. Large pipes were built underground to channel water away from the river, but it is believed these have become clogged with rubbish, causing the river to flood.



*Houses built on floodplains – is your home at risk?*

There has been a great deal of damage caused to the property of homeowners. Abigail Green asks, 'Why didn't the flood defences work? Someone needs to take responsibility. All my downstairs furniture is ruined and my cat's run away. I haven't seen her for five days.'

Jonathan Brimstone from Mistleton Town Council has been quick to explain, 'We'll do everything in our power to find out what caused the flood and to find temporary accommodation for the people who have sadly had to leave their homes for the time being.'

In the meantime, hundreds of people remain angry and confused about why their houses have been flooded. We can only hope that other houses built on floodplains are safe.



# Planning Your Newspaper Report

**Headline**

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**What is the report about?**

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**Where did the event happen?**

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**When did the event happen?**

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# Planning Your Newspaper Report

## Introduction

Briefly sum up what happened. Try to grab the reader's attention.

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## Main Story

Tell the reader exactly what happened. Include facts, quotes and eyewitness accounts.

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## Conclusion

What can we expect to happen next?

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## Features of a Newspaper Report

How many of the following did you remember? Use this list as a checklist.

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A headline that uses alliteration	
A subtitle (intro) which gives a bit more information about what the report is about.	
The Reporter's name	
An introductory paragraph that includes the 5Ws (what, where, when, who, why).	
Pictures with captions	
Quotes	
Formal language	
Past tense	