

British Values

12th-18th March

The Rule of Law

The very serious droughts in Cape Town, South Africa have meant that rules are in place to ensure that the little water that is left is used sensibly. In the UK, droughts are rare but it is still important to ensure we are grateful for the water we have and think about our own consumption.



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Do we take water for granted?

Assembly Resource

Read through the Level 6 water restrictions introduced in January to the people living in Cape Town. Talk about which you might find the most difficult.



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87 litres of water
per person, per day

Water consumption limited to 87 litres or less per person, per day at home, work or school etc.

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Residential properties
as well as commercial properties



Residential units using more than 10 500 litres per month will be fined or have water management devices installed on their properties. Commercial properties need to reduce usage by 45% compared with the corresponding period in 2015 (pre-drought).



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Irrigation - boreholes/wellpoints

Borehole water use for outdoor purposes is discouraged in order to preserve groundwater resources. Wellpoints and boreholes should be registered with the City of Cape Town.

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Water features



Using municipal drinking water for ornamental water features is not allowed.

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Bathroom

Flushing toilets with non-drinking water (e.g. greywater or rainwater) is strongly encouraged.

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Swimming pools
(public and private)



Top-up, filling or refilling with drinking water is not allowed. Use of portable play pools is also not allowed.

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Level 6

Water 

restrictions

Level 6 water restrictions are applicable to residents and businesses in the City of Cape Town as of 1 January 2018. Water use should be limited to human consumption.

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Washing vehicles
(privately or at a formal/informal car wash)

Not allowed with municipal drinking water.

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Fields or gardens



No new landscaping or sports fields may be established, except if irrigated only with non-drinking water. Operation of spray parks is not allowed.

KS1 Resource

Look at the pictures and talk about which use water. Which do you think you would miss most if you had to cut back on using water?



Paddling pool in the summer!



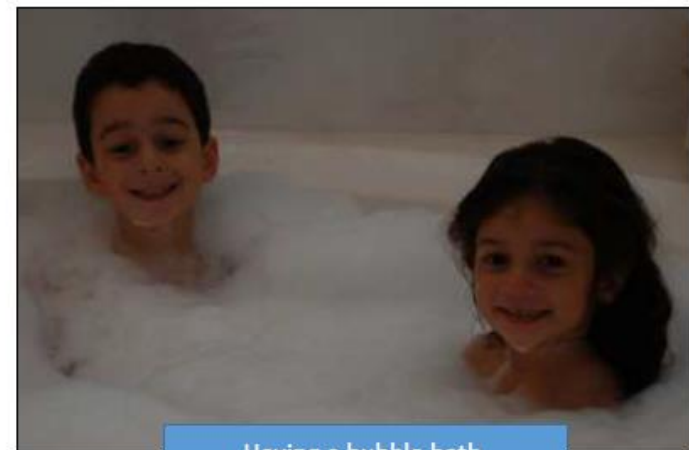
Blowing giant bubbles!



Baking a cake.



Playing in a sandpit.



Having a bubble bath.

KS2 Resource

Read travel journalist Hugh Morris's thoughts following his recent trip to Cape Town. Do we think his experiences will have made him question his own consumption of water now he's back in the UK?



Extra bottled water has been shipped in to Cape Town for those who can afford it.

When I was in South Africa, the city had as little as three month's left of water. Hotels removed plugs from baths, car hire firms stopped washing their vehicles, restaurants refused tap water. It felt like every drop mattered, and myself and the friends I was with behaved thus. We kept showers to three minutes, shamed anyone who did not, and, coming from a country where water is too often in unwelcome abundance, attempted to comprehend what it was like to live somewhere where its presence was so fragile.

Incredibly rare baby bird fossil found!

One of the smallest bird fossils has been discovered by scientists. It is thought the bird lived around 130 million years ago and belonged to a group of birds that shared the planet with the dinosaurs!

Fossils of birds from this time period are very unusual, with baby fossils seen as incredibly rare. It is thought that the discovery will give an overview into the lives of the birds that lived between 250 and 66 million years ago!

The bird is thought to have had teeth and clawed fingers on each wing and looked a lot like modern day birds of today.



Pictured: What the bird might have looked like.

Thousands left without water after snow melts



Pictured: Bottled water many have been reliant on.

Many people across the south-east and south-west of the UK have faced further issues following heavy snow fall, with thousands of houses having their water cut off completely. Water suppliers said the speed in which the heavy snow melted and the temperatures increased led to burst water mains and leaks.

About 13,000 homes went without water in Kent and Sussex while thousands of properties in Wales and 10,000 homes in London also had no water supply early last week. Parts of the Midlands and Scotland were also affected by intermittent supply.

Energy drinks banned for under 16s



Pictured: Typical energy drink.

Sales of energy drinks to children under 16 have been banned in most supermarkets because of worries about high levels of sugar and caffeine. Supermarkets including Asda, Waitrose, Tesco and the Co-op are banning the drinks as is the pharmacy chain Boots.

Shops will limit sales of energy drinks with high levels of caffeine per litre to under-16s from March 26th.

Do you think this is a good idea? Let us know!

The return of Peter the Picture News bear!



Pictured: Peter in Marbella!

Has Peter visited your school? Let us know what he's been up to! Email or post your photos and stories using our contact details below.



Peter in Birmingham, with Dragon's Den star Theo Paphitis.

Peter the Picture News bear is back, and he's had a busy couple of weeks! Whilst most people in the UK have been battling with snow and sub-zero temperatures, Peter enjoyed a sunny break with his friends in Spain at the British International School in Marbella! He also managed to squeeze in a business meeting in Birmingham where he had his picture taken with former Dragon's Den star Theo Paphitis!