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## Cats Protection Workshop



Year 3 took part in a fun and informative  
**Cats Protection** workshop 🐱.

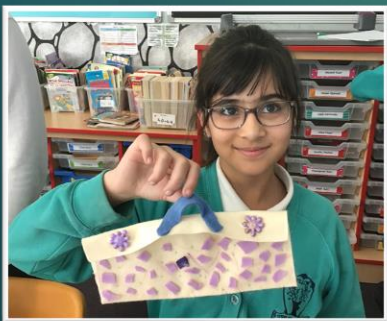
The virtual workshop showed what the  
organisation does to protect cats, their  
welfare and behaviour.

Each pupil received a free cat mask, a  
booklet and a sticker.

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## Year 4 DT Projects



Year 4 children have been learning new skills in Design Technology. They have learnt to thread a needle, tie a knot and learnt different styles of stitching, such as a running stitch and a blanket stitch. Great skills.

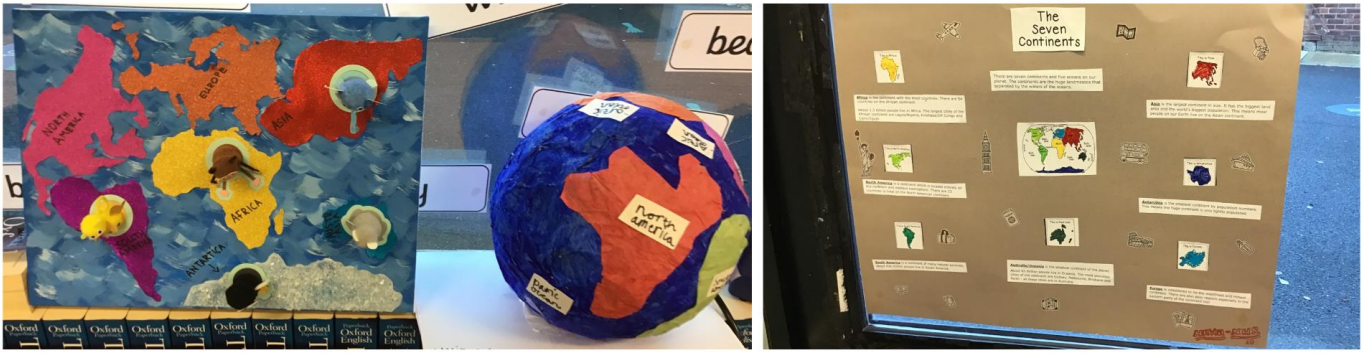
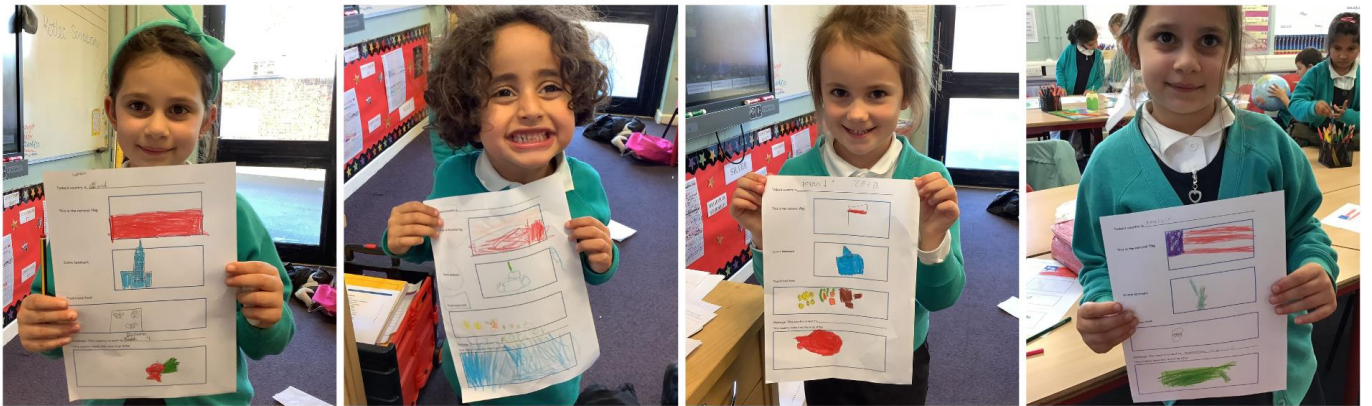


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## Activities

Years 1 and 2 pupils have been researching facts about different countries around the world 🌐. Here is some of their work.



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## Visit by Slough Healthy Smiles



Nursery & Reception children enjoyed learning about keeping their teeth strong and long-lasting. They learnt about having a healthy diet, brushing their teeth correctly and visiting the dentist regularly.

Good advice for all of us.



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## Choir trip to St. Mary's Church



The KS2 choir attended 'Total Vocal', led by Slough Music Service. They learnt three songs and, using body percussion, they sang them on the day along with the performances of choirs from other schools. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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## Year 6 Projects

**Evolution & Inheritance:**

What is evolution?

- 1) Evolution is the process by which different kinds of living organisms are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the earth.
- 2) The gradual development of something.

What is inheritance?

Inheritance is a mechanism in which one class acquires the traits of his/her parents.



Some characteristics passed down from a parent to a child:

Eye colour, hair colour and texture, skin tone, blood group, freckles, colour blindness, dominant hand and dimples.

By  
Risha Goel, 6C

**GREGOR MENDEL is FATHER of GENETICS.**  
He discovered the fundamental laws of INHERITANCE.

**CHARLES DARWIN is the FATHER of EVOLUTION!**



**Evolution and Inheritance**

What is evolution and inheritance?

It is the change in inherited traits of a population of organisms through successive generations. When living organisms reproduce, they pass on to their offspring a collection of traits.

Evolution is important as it helps us solve biological problems that impact our lives. Inheritance is important as it is necessary for evolutionary change.

**Key words:**



- Genes
- DNA
- Variation
- Mutation
- Descendants
- Offspring
- Nature
- Chromosomes
- Adapt
- Change
- Characteristics
- Species
- Darwin
- Identical

**Amaya 6C**

**Evolution and Inheritance**

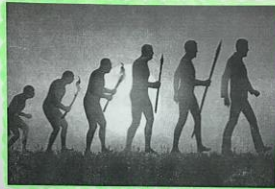
Evolution process changes the heritable traits of a population over time. These are the expressions of genes passed on from one generation to another. Different types of heritable traits can be found in a given population due to various factors such as genetic variation and mutation.

Inheritance is the process by which genetic information is passed on from parent to child. This is why members of the same family tend to have similar characteristics. We actually have two genomes? each. We get one copy of our genome from each of our parents. Inheritance describes how genetic material is passed on from parent to child.



**Evolution and Inheritance**

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**By Jennifer Chukwu 6C**

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## Parent Notices

### Timings of the school day

**Soft start is from 8am for all year groups.**

<b>Resource Base:</b>	Doors open from 8.15am to 8.45am and then at 3.00pm
<b>Nursery:</b>	8.00 - 11.00am and 12.00pm - 3.00pm
<b>Reception:</b>	8.30am - 2.45pm
<b>Year 1 and Year 2:</b>	8.20am - 2.50pm
<b>Year 3 and Year 4:</b>	8.20am - 2.55pm
<b>Year 5 and Year 6:</b>	8.20am - 3pm

### School Grounds

Please do not bring bikes or scooters of any kind onto the school grounds at any time. Dogs are not allowed on site.

### Water Bottles

Children should bring in a water bottle every day, with their name clearly labelled on the bottle.

### No Peanuts

Please do not bring peanuts of any kind into school. We are a nut free school.

### Lost Property

The lost property box in the playground is emptied weekly. Please check for any items that your child may have lost. Unclaimed items will be taken to charity.

### PE Kit

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE. PE Kit consists of T shirt, shorts, joggers/tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers.

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## Attendance

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Reception: **90.15%**

Year 1: **91.28%**

Year 2: **93.74%**

Year 3: **91.59%**

Year 4: **95.08%**

Year 5: **93.02%**

Year 6: **92.83%**

**Target: 96%**

### Willow

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Reception: **92.14%**

Year 1: **93.73%**

Year 2: **92.37%**

Year 3: **88.47%**

Year 4: **93.16%**

Year 5: **96.72%**

Year 6: **91%**

**Target: 96%**



**EVERY DAY  
COUNTS**

**Student success  
starts with  
attendance**



**Below 90% Serious Concern**  
Drastic effect on academic success

**95- 90% Cause for Concern**  
Negatively affecting academic success

**100%- 96% WELL DONE**  
Achieving full potential

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## E-Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING  
**18**

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

##### INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

##### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

##### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

##### REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches intimacy level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

#### BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

#### RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

#### ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

Age rating:  
12+  
Teen  
However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

##### MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" coupled with the app's anonymity mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

##### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

##### BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

##### POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

##### REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

##### ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

##### BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

##### TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

##### ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

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## Some Useful Information



# MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

## JOIN OUR MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CLUB



**LANGLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
Reddington Dr, Langley, Slough SL3 7QS

LAUNCH DATE: THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

EVERY THURSDAY (Term Time Only)

**4PM - 6PM**

Age: 10 - 16 Years Old



- Compose your own songs
- Get song & rap writing tips
- Collaborate with others
- Fun & safe environment
- Run by industry professionals

To sign up please contact: [music.service@slough.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@slough.gov.uk)



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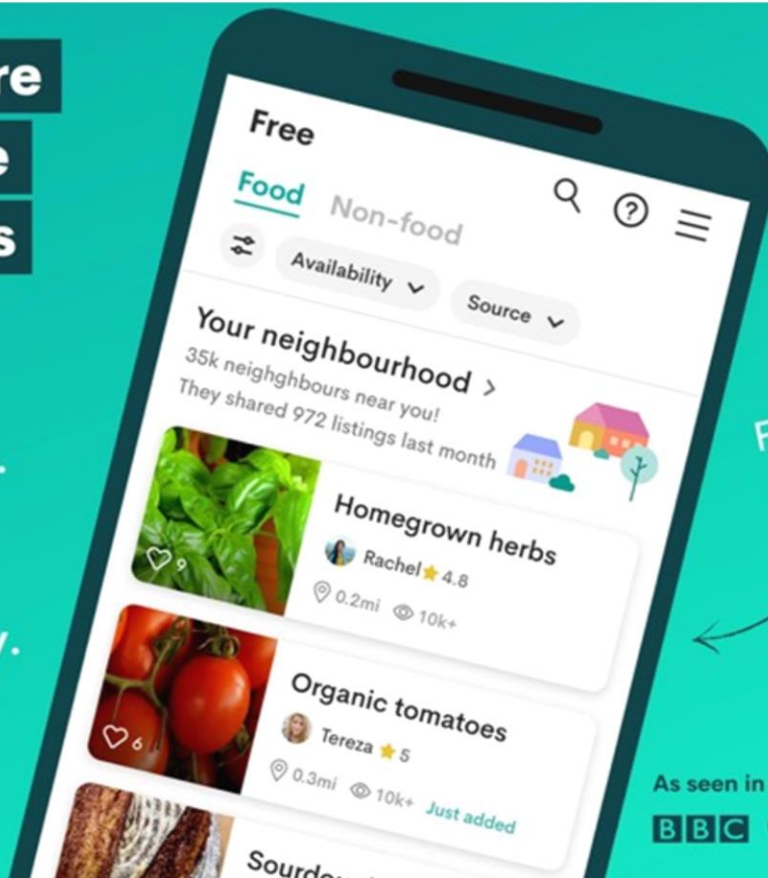
### What is OLIO and how does it work?

OLIO connects neighbours with each other and with local businesses so surplus food can be shared **FREE**, not thrown away. This could be food nearing its sell-by date in local stores, spare home-grown vegetables, bread from your baker, or the groceries in your fridge when you go away.

**Share more  
Care more  
Waste less**

Join millions  
of neighbours.

Share for free  
or shop locally.



Free food  
near you

As seen in  
**BBC CNN The Guardian**

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Frimley Health and Care

Solutions4Health

NHS

*growing a healthy baby from pregnancy through to raising a toddler*



### Growing a healthy Slough

Led by local Health Professionals including Health Visitors and Midwives, FREE classes for families who are pregnant, have a child 0-2yrs to support giving you and your child a healthy start



#### Healthy eating and exercise

- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 22nd Nov 18:00-20:00
- Penn Road Children Centre - 30th Nov 10:00 - 12:00
- Cippenham Library - 8th Dec 12:30 - 14:30



#### Your wellbeing

- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 29th Nov 18:00 - 20:00
- Penn Road Children Centre - 7th Dec 12:30 - 14:30
- Manor Park Community Centre - 14th Dec 10:00 - 12:00



#### Caring for you and your new baby

- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 24th Nov 18:00 - 20:00
- Penn Road Children Centre - 30th Nov 12:30 - 14:30
- Manor Park Community Centre - 7th Dec 10:00 - 12:00



#### Keeping your child safe

- Cippenham Library - 24th Nov 12:30 - 14:30
- Chalvey Children's Centre - 6th Dec 10:00 - 12:00
- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 13th Dec 18:00 - 20:00



#### Child development and milestones

- Chalvey Children's Centre - 22nd Nov 10:00 - 12:00
- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 1st Dec 18:00 - 20:00
- Penn Road Children Centre - 14th Dec 12:30 - 14:30



#### Common childhood illnesses

- Penn Road Children Centre - 23rd Nov 10:00 - 12:00
- Cippenham Library - 1st Dec 12:30 - 14:30
- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 6th Dec 18:00 - 20:00



#### Baby and child feeding

- Penn Road Children Centre - 23rd Nov 12:30 - 14:30
- Chalvey Children's Centre - 29th Nov 10:00 - 12:00
- Salt Hill Activity Centre - 8th Dec 18:00 - 20:00



refreshments and food parcels for you to take away

To book your class or for more information

 01753 373464 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

 [solutions4health.co.uk/our-services/community-classes](https://solutions4health.co.uk/our-services/community-classes)



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### British Sign Language for Improvers

with Helen Watson

In this course students will build on a BSL beginner's level of skills and vocabulary to further progress in your BSL studies.

Extend your basic knowledge of BSL through weekly themes and topics within a relaxed and supportive environment.

Develop confidence and proficiency in the use and understanding of BSL within a variety of areas: use of alphabet, greetings, conversations and descriptions.

Learn functional BSL communication through everyday topics including: greetings, family, eating out, holidays, weather, transport, use of numbers, hobbies and interests. Weekly videos via Canvas will support and enhance your learning journey.

**When:** 31/10/2022 - 12/12/2022

**Where:** Online

**How long:** 7 sessions

**Time:** 14:00 – 18:00 hours

**Cost:** 47:60

If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.

**Course Reference:** C3748148

To enrol online: right click the link:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748148>

Or Tel: 0300 3033464



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### BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE FOR IMPROVERS - C3748148



#### SING A RAINBOW



Red



and



yellow



and



pink



and



green



and



purple



and



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### British Sign Language for Improvers

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### British Sign Language for Beginners with Helen Watson-C3748147

wea.org.uk

This course will introduce you to British Sign Language at beginner's level.

You will learn the alphabet, simple greetings and basic conversations.

Acquire a varied vocabulary through weekly themes and topics.

This is an exciting opportunity to harness the fundamentals of BSL within a relaxed and supportive environment.

You'll be amazed at how much you can learn and the progress you will make.

**When:** 31/10/2022 - 12/12/2022

**Where:** Online

**How long:** 7 sessions

**Time:** 10:00 - 12:00 hours

**Cost:** 47.60

If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.

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To enrol online: right click the link:

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