



Each week classes look at a 'Weekly Picture News' story. Let's have a look at this week's story...



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Humans can understand other apes' common methods of sign language, scientists have just discovered. Researchers at the University of St Andrews in Scotland have found that people can comprehend the meaning of signals apes, such as wild chimps and bonobos, use to communicate with each other. The scientists' video-based study asked volunteers to interpret the gestures from clips of various apes and choose from a list of potential translations.

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Reflection

Communication is vital for us to work, live and play together. Through our words, actions and facial expressions, we can share both happy and sad times with those around us and help each other when needed.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different, so communicate in different ways. Developing our communication skills can help us become more understanding of the world we live in and may even help someone else feel welcome and cared for.



UN Rights of a Child



There are many languages spoken across the world that people can use to communicate with one another. We all have the right to use our own language, even if this is not shared by most people in the country we live in.



Protected Characteristics



Some people may have a disability, such as deafness, which means they communicate with others in a different way. This should never cause someone to be treated unfairly.

Useful vocabulary

Beckoning

Moving your hand or head in a way that tells someone to come nearer or follow. Beckoning with fingers pointing down.

Comprehend

To understand. Researchers at the University of St Andrews in Scotland have found that people can **comprehend** the meaning of signals apes, such as wild chimps and bonobos, use to communicate with each other.

Gestures

Movements of part of the body, especially a hand or the head, to express emotion or information. The scientists' video-based study asked volunteers to interpret the **gestures** from clips of various apes and choose from a list of potential translations.

Interactions

Communication with or reaction to someone or something. Thinking about our own **interactions** and relationships with people at home and at school, what are some of the ways that you communicate with each other?

Translation

Converting one language into another. The scientists' video-based study asked volunteers to interpret the gestures from clips of various apes and choose from a list of potential **translations**.

Vital

Absolutely necessary; essential. Communication is **vital** for us to work, live and play together.

Can you use them in your writing this week?