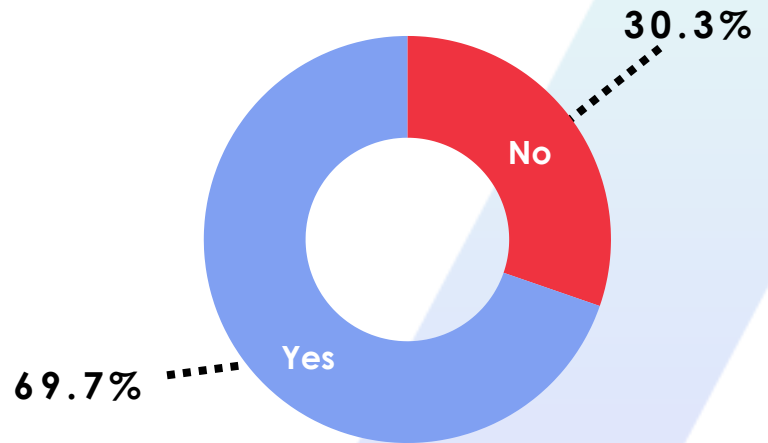
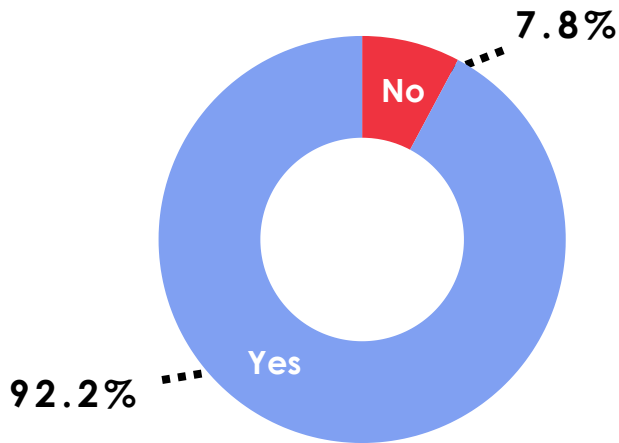


## YOUR LATEST RESULTS

5-7: Is more help needed for people who are homeless?

7-11: Is it everyone's responsibility to end homelessness?



This VoteTopic received 46,093 total votes.

## THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

**Should school holidays be spread out?**

- What is the most important part of the holidays to you?
- Do you think spreading out the school holidays would be helpful to pupils, parents, or teachers?
- Why is it helpful to take regular breaks from your learning?

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"Our recent poll of 6,800 parents in Wales revealed that the majority of parents support a move to spread school holidays more evenly across the year." - Jason Elsom, CEO of Parentkind.*
- *"The effects from school holiday are very small on students, and there is little reason to believe that the length of the school year has much effect at all." - John Hattie, Professor of Education at The University of Melbourne.*

# A CLOSER LOOK: SEASIDE TOWNS



In the 1600s, a local woman discovered natural spring water bubbling beneath a cliff south of Scarborough, England. The water tasted slightly bitter and there were rumours that it could cure some illnesses. Soon after, thousands of visitors flocked to Scarborough to try the water for themselves.

Scarborough Spa became the UK's first seaside resort, attracting many rich and well-to-do people. Sea bathing, trips out to sea, building sandcastles, donkey rides, sand races, bathing machines and many more seaside activities all began in Scarborough.

As a result, many other coastal places in the UK followed Scarborough's lead, which is why there are so many seaside towns in the UK today!

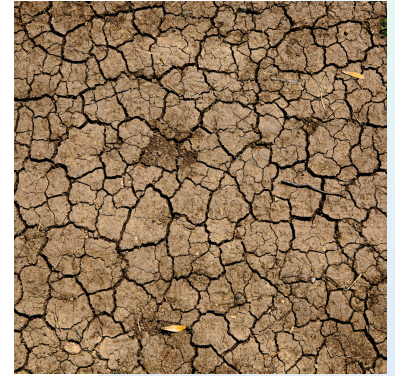
## YOUR GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

- What did a local woman discover near Scarborough?
- What type of word is "flocked" and what does it mean in the text?
- Where was the UK's first seaside resort?
- Find and copy three seaside activities.
- True or false: Scarborough is the UK's only seaside town.

# THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

## Not making waves

The United Nations' Conference of the Parties (COP28) has made history over the last week. During the conference, world leaders announced a \$400 million fund for countries directly affected by events caused by climate change.



## Rizzing to the top

“Rizz” was named Word of the Year 2023 by Oxford University Press. It is internet slang for romantic appeal or charm and is mostly used by young people. “Rizz” was one of eight words on a shortlist; others included “Swiftie” and “beige flag”.



## A literary legacy

Tributes have been paid to author and poet Benjamin Zephaniah, who died on 7th December at age 65. His writing made huge waves in the UK and beyond, and he has been described as “a true pioneer” and “a unique talent”.



## The smell of success

A UK cheesemaker has claimed to have created the world's smelliest cheese! “The Minger” is made by professional cheesemaker Rory Stone, whose family has been making the smelly stuff for over 50 years in the Scottish Highlands.



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