



HOME NEWS

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A lot of looms

A teacher from Kettering has made a top entirely out of pink loom bands. Kelly Bull used 27,000 (27 thousand) loom bands to make the top. It took her four weeks to make and she worked on it for hours every evening after teaching all day. The loom bands cost £100 but Kelly hopes to raise much more than that when she sells the top for a health charity.



HEREFORD

UK-grown watermelons

Watermelons grown in the UK have gone on sale at a supermarket for the first time. Joe de Pascalis, a student farmer, managed to grow the crop in Marden, near Hereford. Watermelons usually come from hot, sunny countries. Tesco is selling them at a few local shops to see if people like them. The warm and humid summer has helped the crop to grow well.



Wales



Ireland



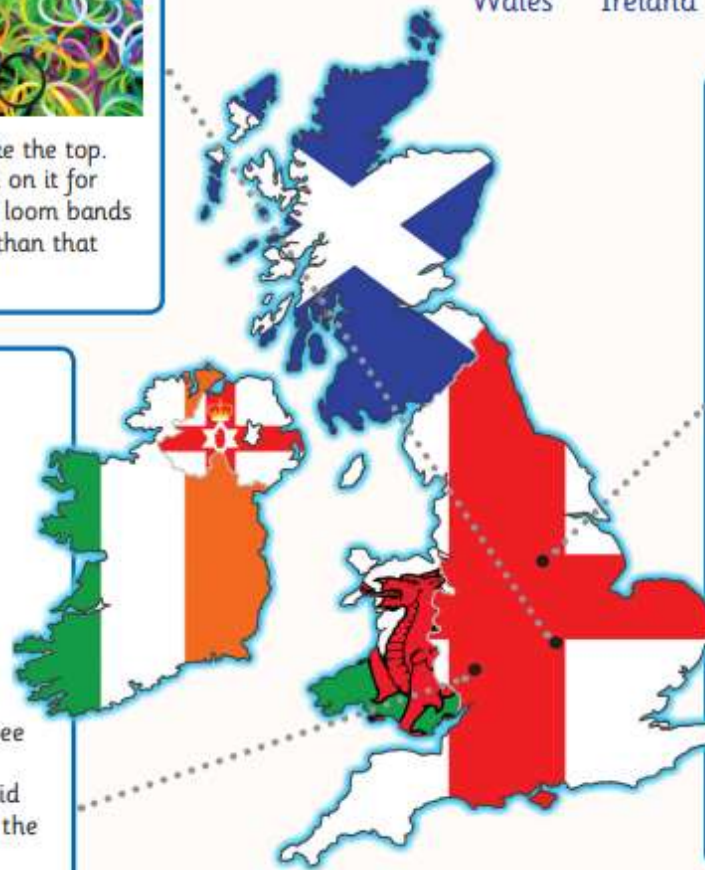
England



Northern
Ireland



Scotland



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Otter spotters

A wildlife charity is asking people to help spot otters in the local rivers. The wildlife trust is particularly interested to hear if any otter families have been spotted. If the animals are having babies their numbers will be going up, which is great news for otter fans. Otters are protected animals. Fifty years ago they were almost wiped out because our rivers were so polluted, but numbers are slowly recovering.



Discussion Questions

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1) Match the headlines to the correct places.

PLACE

Nottinghamshire

Hereford

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STORY

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Look at the story from Hereford.

2) Why is a man called Joe de Pascalis in the news?

3) What has helped the fruit to grow this summer?

Look at the story from Northamptonshire.

4) What job does Kelly Bull do?

5) What is special about the top she has made?

6) Why has she made this top?

Look at the story from Nottinghamshire.

7) Why did otters almost disappear around 50 years ago?

8) Why does the charity want to know if people have spotted otter families?



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