



COVERAGE

Spring Part 2 2020

| Week | News story | Focus question | British value |
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| 24 th February | The new batch of emojis to be released in 2020 has been revealed. They include a range of different facial expressions and some of the more random additions include a log, a mirror and a green pepper. One of the new emojis is called "pinched fingers" and depending on where you are in the world it could have a completely different meaning. | Will emojis ever be as important as words? | Individual Liberty - Emojis are one way for us to express ourselves digitally. There are lots of ways we can communicate, it's important to consider the best way to express ourselves in different situations. |
| 2 nd March | A supercomputer is to be developed to support the Met Office in a huge project to improve weather forecasting. The new technology is to be funded by a £1.2 billion investment from the government and will be managed by the Met Office. | How important is it for us to know the weather forecast? | Individual Liberty - The weather can be hard to predict and can cause disruption and even dangerous situations. It's important to listen to advice and following weather warnings. |
| 9 th March | Joe Brindle, age 17 from Devizes School is a founder member of Teach the Future. The group are recently formed and are taking their call for environment issues to be taught in schools as part of the curriculum to Parliament! | Should we have a say in what we learn at school? | Individual Liberty - If we feel strongly about something that affects us, there are different ways we can share our opinions with those who make decisions. Explaining our reasons can help bring about positive changes. |
| 16 th March | Turkey opened its borders for Syrian refugees to leave its territory for Europe at the end of February. So far hundreds of thousands have left Turkey. Many Syrians have fled their home country, following dangerous conditions and fighting due to the ongoing civil war there. | What would you find hard about starting again? | Mutual Respect - A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their home due to a dangerous situation. Refugees have a right to protection under the UN 1951 Convention which includes the right to a safe place to live. |
| 23 rd March | Virgin Galactic, owned by Sir Richard Branson, are one of the first companies intending to make space travel accessible to the public. The company have seen a big increase in the demand for the tickets for flights to space, the first of which will be taking place later this year. | Do you think that space tourism is a good idea? | Mutual Respect - For some, the idea of space travel would be a dream come true. For others, their worst nightmare. It's important to respect and celebrate our differences! |
| 30 th March | Many countries across the world have been asked or have chosen to remain at home during the COVID-19 outbreak. Thousands of Italians, in several cities, clapped from their windows and balconies as healthcare workers went to work, raising spirits with a flashmob, during the lockdown period (where most people remain at home). | Can you think of ways to remain positive during difficult times? | Democracy - During times of uncertainty, we should voice any concerns and listen to the thoughts of others. We all have contributions to make. When times are hard, it's important to all pull together. |