

Spring Part 1 2019

Week	News story	Focus question	British value
7 th January	Thousands of people had their Christmas travel affected by disruption at London Gatwick airport. The airport's runway was shut down for more than a day after what were thought to be drones were spotted flying over it.	Should drones be banned?	Rule of Law: Drones can be lots of fun if used correctly, but if they aren't used safely, they can be very dangerous. There are laws for drones, that we all must follow to help keep everyone safe.
14 th January	Britain is set to leave the EU on the 29th March this year following the referendum in June 2016. This week, over two hundred Members of Parliament have signed a letter to the Prime Minister asking her to rule out a no-deal Brexit, to try to protect jobs and manufacturing.	Should our leaders make key decisions, or should we all have a say?	Democracy: Voting is the most fundamental right in our democracy. Citizens care deeply about their countries and it is important they get the chance to obtain the best possible information to make their choices.
21 st January	A recent report by United For All Ages, claims that bringing young and older people together can tackle many different issues including loneliness and wellbeing.	Should we spend more time with people who are older than us?	Mutual Respect: Our communities and families are made up of people of all ages. We can all benefit and learn from spending time with those who are both older and younger than us.
28 th January	The Soil Association, the UK's leading food and farming charity, has criticised the government's £40million scheme to get school children to eat more fruit and vegetables. It argues that it is 'actually putting them off their greens'.	Should all children receive free fruit at school?	Individual Liberty: It is important to eat a balanced diet to stay healthy. Throughout our day, we will often make choices about the food we eat. We can use these choices to make sure we eat a wide range of foods to keep us well.
4 th February	British tennis player, Andy Murray has been beaten in what might have been his last ever match. He lost in five sets to Roberto Bautista Agut in the Australian Open first round. Speaking about the match, Murray said "If this was my last match, it was an amazing way to end. I gave everything I had - it wasn't enough tonight."	Is there a time when giving up is the right thing to do?	Mutual Respect: At times, people may need to make difficult decisions about their work or things they enjoy doing. This may mean giving up something we love and needing to change direction. We must respect these decisions, as sometimes things are out of our control.
11 th February	The Department for Education has announced that employees from retailers including shoe shop Clarks and newsagent WH Smith will be trained to speak to children as part of a drive to improve early language skills.	Is it everyone's responsibility to help us learn?	Tolerance: We can learn a lot from people who have different experiences from our own. It is important to show an openness to learning from and speaking to others in all kinds of places!
18 th February	At least 35,000 school children took a day off school and braved cold and rain in Brussels to demand the Belgian government and the European Union increase their efforts to fight climate change at the end of January.	Is it ever acceptable to take time off school?	Rule of Law: There are rules and laws in place to ensure we all receive an education and have the opportunity to go to school. The rules are in place to benefit us all.