

Week	News story	Focus question	UN Article	British value
4 th January	It is thought that thousands of pets were 'panic bought' at the start of the first lockdown. The Battersea Dogs and Cats Home charity have warned that the number of dogs abandoned over the next five years could increase by 27%.	Should anyone be allowed to buy a pet?	 5 FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP	Individual Liberty - If we make the choice to own a pet, we know that we have a responsibility to take care of all its needs.
11 th January	Armies in the UK and all over the world have played a key part in supporting governments and helping in many ways throughout the pandemic and it's likely that their role will continue in 2021.	How do soldiers help us in times of need?	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME	Individual Liberty - The armed forces help us to exercise our rights and freedoms as citizens by protecting the UK. They can also provide help in times of crisis, such as testing, supplying food and clothing or keeping our homes safe.
18 th January	The celebration for NHS staff, formally known as 'Clap for Carers', returned under the new name of 'Clap for Heroes' on the 7th of January, announced by the initiative's founder, Annemarie Plas.	How can we show our thanks to those who help us?	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION	Mutual Respect and Tolerance - Every individual has their own idea about how to say thank you to others. I respect the fact that their ideas may not be the same as mine.
25 th January	On 20th January, Joe Biden became the 46th President of the United States, taking over from his predecessor, Donald Trump.	What makes a good leader?	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD	Democracy - Many countries hold votes to allow people the choice to decide who will become their leader. When a leader of a democracy is elected, he or she agrees to listen to the opinions of the people.
1 st February	A team of climbers from Nepal have become the first ever to summit the world's second highest mountain, K2, in winter.	Why do people choose to climb mountains?	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION	Individual Liberty - At different times in our lives, we can choose to challenge ourselves. When we do, we need to manage the risks and understand the consequences of our actions.
8 th February	Tree planting is a good solution to tackle climate change and protect biodiversity but planting trees in the wrong place can do more harm than good, experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew have explained.	How important is it to plant more trees?	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT	Rule of Law - When experts discover better ways of protecting our environment, such as planting certain types of trees, the government can consider a change in the law so that planting trees correctly becomes everyone's responsibility.