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Week	News Story	Focus Question	British Value Link	Protected Characteristics	UN Article
1 st September	In a recent survey, 600 parents and 400 six- and seven-year-olds were asked to name the everyday things around them that they find incredible or awe-inspiring.	What incredible things do you see when out and about?	Democracy	Religion or belief	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
8 th September	A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location.	How can we move different things?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
15 th September	Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run.	Why do we vote?	Democracy	Age	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
22 nd September	Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries.	Could you break a Guinness World Record?	Individual Liberty	Age	 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
29 th September	Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior parkrun events closer to primary schools.	How can running help us?	Individual Liberty	Disability	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
6 th October	Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show.	What can be tricky?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
13 th October	This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts.	What happens when we work as a team?	Rule of Law	Race	 42 EVERYONE MUST KNOW CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
20 th October	The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card.	Who makes you who you are?	Rule of Law	Race	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

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27th October	This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to María Corina Machado from Venezuela. The Nobel Prizes are special international awards, given each year to people who have made outstanding contributions to science, literature, and peace.	How can we treat people fairly?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Sex	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
3rd November	An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people.	What sounds do you like or dislike?	Individual Liberty	Disability	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
10th November	The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November.	How can we help protect trees?	Rule of Law	Race	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY
17th November	Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement.	What is the best footwear?	Democracy	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
24th November	McDonald's has changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box for the first time in the UK, making it white on three sides, so children could colour and design it themselves.	Can drawing help us share how we feel?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
1st December	On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community.	What activities can we do together?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	ALL	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION
8th December	An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski.	What happens when it snows?	Individual Liberty	Disability	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT
15th December	This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.	How can we show kindness to elderly people?	Democracy	Age	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME

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5 th January	The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year across the UK, created to help children and grown-ups enjoy reading more.	How does reading help us?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	
12 th January	Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world.	Why do people watch videos?	Individual Liberty	Age	
19 th January	Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world.	How can we help animals?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	
26 th January	The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England.	How should we behave when watching and playing football?	Rule of Law	All	
2 nd February	A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones.	Do all children choose to play with the same toys?	Individual Liberty	Disability	
9 th February	The government in the UK is considering new rules to help keep children safe online through consultation on whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media.	What are the things we can do to look after our mental health?	Rule of Law	Age	

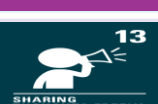
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16 th February	A new series of the television programme, Gladiators, has recently returned to screens.	What skills would you need to take part in Gladiators?	Individual Liberty	All	
23 rd February	Scientists at NASA are preparing to send astronauts back to the Moon, as part of a new space programme running over the coming years.	How can it feel to travel in a new way?	Democracy	Race and Sex	
2 nd March	Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts.	What are the best clothes to wear to school?	Mutual Respect	Sex	
9 th March	During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage.	What would you like robots to be able to do?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	
16 th March	This week's news is about Pokémon, which is celebrating 30 years since it was first created.	What do you look for while out and about?	Rule of Law	Age	
23 rd March	Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy.	How can we be the best at our favourite sport?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	
30 th March	The Bank of England, that designs and makes the UK's banknotes, has said that future notes might include British wildlife, such as animals or plants, instead of historical figures.	What animals or birds mean the most to you?	Democracy	Religion and belief	

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13 th April	A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area.	What makes a great place to live?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion and Belief	
20 th April	An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new.	How do people become good runners?	Individual Liberty	Age	
27 th April	New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize.	How does AI help us already?	Individual Liberty	Disability	
4 th May	Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100 th birthday.	How can we help to look after the world?	Rule of Law	Age	
11 th May	This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest.	When do we make decisions?	Democracy	Race	
18 th May	It's the FA Cup Final between Manchester City and Chelsea at Wembley Stadium.	Do we always need to win?	Mutual Respect	Religion and Belief	

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25 th May	This week, people in the UK and across the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha.	What do you enjoy celebrating with your family?	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION
1 st June	Teenage sisters, Tala and Farah Mousa from Gaza, have created a project called Build Hope.	How can we all help other people?	 39 RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION
8 th June	June 8 th is World Oceans Day, a time when people around the world think about how to care for the seas and the creatures living in them.	What sea creatures live in the ocean?	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
15 th June	Film maker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology.	What can we learn from our favourite toys?	 31 BEST PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
22 nd June	India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census.	Do all families look the same?	 4 MAKING RIGHTS REAL
29 th June	Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world.	What weather do you like or dislike?	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT
6 th July	Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months.	What should we do if something happens to our toys?	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
13 th July	People living in remote parts of the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador are using solar-powered canoes to travel along rivers.	How do boats move?	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION