

Autumn Part 2 2017

Week	News story	Focus question	British value
30 th October	Google's DeepMind have announced this week that they have made another big advance by enabling a robot to master the Chinese game of 'Go' independent from humans. Many of us are not used to the idea of machines making decisions for themselves, but the day when they will do this by themselves is likely to arrive sooner than we might think.	Should we teach robots how to think?	Rule of Law: Artificial technology, including robots will need to follow strict rules to ensure we are protected.
6 th November	The authorities in the war-torn city of Kabul in Afghanistan have invested money in painting the houses in some of the hilltop villages in the countryside. The idea is to boost happiness in the area by creating a sense of pride and community by bringing people together.	Does thinking positively help when times are hard?	Mutual Respect: We will all face challenges and times of difficulty at different times. We must understand and support each other and try our best to remain positive both for ourselves and for those around us.
13 th November	Marathon runner Ben Smith has recently launched his own foundation 'The 401 Foundation' to raise awareness of bullying through events and fundraising, often doing talks at schools, most recently at Cokethorpe School in Oxford last week.	Should we always speak up if someone is being bullied?	Tolerance: Bullying isn't always easy to spot, but if we are aware of someone who is being bullied or if we feel something isn't right, we will speak out and not let it happen around us.
20 th November	Blue Planet II is currently one of the most watched TV programmes and has left millions of us in awe at the beauty and incredible diversity of the life in our oceans. However, a recent report shows that all sea life will be affected because carbon dioxide emissions from modern society are making the oceans more acidic.	Should we change how we live to help protect our oceans?	Individual Liberty: Our oceans provide us with much of the air we breathe and are key for our survival. We should choose to play our part in protecting them by making small changes that can make a difference.
27 th November	Explorer Benedict Allen has recently been found after he was reported missing while searching for an indigenous tribe in Papua New Guinea. The BBC reported that he had requested rescue after being seen near an airstrip and was described as being 'alive and well'.	Is life more exciting when we take risks?	Rule of Law: Different environments and places may have different laws and rules. These are in place to ensure we are kept safe and to minimise the dangers of any risks we may take.
4 th December	The new president of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, has been officially sworn in. The country's new leader is the former vice-president. He came to power after former leader, Robert Mugabe, stepped down after being president for 37 years.	Can you imagine living a life of uncertainty?	Democracy: Democracy is important and contributes to a fair and happy society. When people don't feel that there is democracy, it can lead to unsettled and difficult periods where people worry about what might happen next.
11 th December	The number of schoolchildren with a part-time job has fallen by a fifth in the past five years, new figures show.	Should young people have jobs?	Individual Liberty: As we get older, we will make choices on jobs or work experience we choose to undertake.
18 th December	British supermarket Aldi has launched a campaign to donate food to the less fortunate this Christmas.	Do more people need help at Christmas time?	Mutual Respect: By helping others who perhaps are going through difficulties or are less fortunate than us, we are showing care and respect for how we would like to be treated.