

Spring Part 1 2018

Week	News story	Focus question	British value
1 st January	Now that the New Year is upon us, it's often a time for many to make New Year's resolutions. Every New Year seems to bring many new resolutions and challenges. Keeping resolutions can be difficult, if not impossible.	Why do people make New Year's resolutions?	Individual Liberty: Whether or not we make resolutions this New Year, we make lots of choices every day that affect our own lives and those around us.
8 th January	On the 1 st January, it became illegal in Germany to write or publish 'hateful material' online under the new hate speech law which has been under discussion since the middle of 2017.	Should we always be allowed to say whatever we like?	Rule of Law: Most things we are able to speak freely about and discuss our opinions openly. Some words however, can be hateful and damaging so we must respect the laws to stop this.
15 th January	Exam regulator Ofqual have said that nearly 3,000 penalties were awarded to students for cheating in 2017 compared with just over 2,000 in 2016 in their data released last week.	Why do some people cheat?	Individual Liberty: We will go through many different tests in our lives. There may be a temptation, at times, to take the easy path by copying someone else's work and finding dishonest shortcuts.
22 nd January	A recent incoming emergency alert plunged residents of Hawaii into panic last week before it was declared to be false. An alert system is in place because of the potential proximity of Hawaii to North Korea.	How can you stay calm when you feel scared or worried?	Mutual Respect: All of our behaviours and actions impact on those around us. When we are faced with a scary or unknown situation, we must try to stay as calm as we can.
29 th January	According to a study conducted by the charity Oxfam released last week, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer – and at an alarming rate.	Does money make people happy?	Democracy: The UK is one of the most privileged countries in the world. Living in a democracy means we have many choices, including a say in how money is spent to help us all with things like education and healthcare.
5 th February	The 5th-11th February 2018 is Children's Mental Health Week. Last Tuesday, MPs heard testimony on the subject of transforming children and young people's mental health.	Do we need to be resilient to succeed?	Individual Liberty: It's up to us how we respond when things go wrong or become challenging. We can choose to be positive, try our best and keep going for as long as we can!
12 th February	This year's Rio de Janeiro Carnival, held in Brazil, takes place from February 9th to 13th, and is expected to be the largest ever, and raise over £2.4b	Is it important to celebrate traditions?	Tolerance of Different Cultures: We all celebrate different traditions and we can learn a lot from each other.
19 th February	The makers of the new Peter Rabbit film have apologised for a scene that's offended allergy sufferers and some parents.	Does what we watch influence our behaviour?	Mutual Respect: We all have differences that make us unique. Sometimes, our differences may mean that we need to do things differently to make sure we stay safe.