

COVERAGE

Week	News story	Focus question	British value
22 nd April	More than 1,200 ex-offenders now work for the Timpson group, which includes the shoe-mending and key-cutting chain. After 15 years' recruiting prisoners, Timpson is now stepping up its plans, aiming to recruit another 150 this year. "It's a great way of finding amazing people," says James Timpson, the chief executive and great-great-grandson of the founder, "We look for staff everywhere, but a lot of people who have been in prison are desperate for an opportunity".	Should we always give people a second chance?	Rule of Law - People who break the law and have spent time in prison will often find it hard to get a job. A second chance at work can mean a fresh start for people who may otherwise find it difficult to be forgiven.
29 th April	A huge fire engulfed the medieval cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris, one of France's most famous landmarks. The 850-year-old Gothic building's spire and roof collapsed but the main structure, including the two bell towers, were saved. France's President, Emmanuel Macron, called it a terrible tragedy.	Is it always better to rebuild than to start again?	Respect - Buildings and places can hold huge importance for people. They can be part of who we are, hold special memories and be part of our shared culture.
6 th May	The country of Ukraine has elected a comedian called Volodymyr Zelensky as its new president. Volodymyr who is originally an actor and comedian, once starred in a role as a teacher who accidentally becomes president!	Can anyone become a good leader?	Democracy - Like Ukraine, many countries will hold votes to allow people the choice to decide who will become their leader. Sometimes, the winner may not be what we expect, but in a democracy the votes are what count!
13 th May	McDonald's is being called on to stop its introduction of paper straws in the UK, amidst claims that they dissolve in drinks. The restaurant is switching from plastic to paper straws at all of their 1,361 restaurants after customer pressure.	Should McDonald's have banned plastic straws?	Respect - Plastic straws take an estimated 500 years to decompose! We should always ensure we are using plastics carefully and use reusable items whenever we can.
20 th May	Whilst many schools have been busy preparing for summer testing, Flakefleet Primary School in Lancashire have been preparing for something just as nerve-racking but for completely different reasons! The choir at Flakefleet Primary School have been gearing up for the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent, which will be held next week.	Does it take more than talent to succeed?	Individual Liberty - It's good to have dreams and goals. Trying hard and aiming high can help us to achieve great things. There's also lots to be learnt from when things don't go to plan!