

EYFS Coverage - Spring Term 2 2020

Week	News Story	Focus Question	British Value
24th February	The new batch of emojis to be released in 2020 has been revealed. They include a range of different facial expressions and some of the more random additions include a log, a mirror and a green pepper. One of the new emojis is called "pinched fingers" and depending on where you are in the world it could have a completely different meaning.	<i>Do we always know what an emoji means?</i>	Individual Liberty - Emojis can be used for fun, to tell someone how you feel or to say something without typing a word. There are now lots more emojis and we can choose which ones we use to send to others.
2nd March	A supercomputer is to be developed to support the Met Office in a huge project to improve weather forecasting. The new technology is to be funded by a £1.2 billion investment from the government and will be managed by the Met Office.	<i>Do we need to know what the weather will be like?</i>	Individual Liberty - We can get a good idea of what the weather is going to be like by watching the weather forecast. Sometimes it's not safe to be out in some weathers and we may then need to change what we had planned to do.
9th March	Joe Brindle, age 17 from Devizes School is a founder member of Teach the Future. The group are recently formed and are taking their call for environment issues to be taught in schools as part of the curriculum to Parliament!	<i>Should we have a say in what we learn at school?</i>	Individual Liberty - In the Early Years we often get to choose what we learn about. We can choose different areas to learn in and can help ourselves to all the different things that we think we need.
16th March	Turkey opened its borders for Syrian refugees to leave its territory for Europe at the end of February. So far hundreds of thousands have left Turkey. Many Syrians have fled their home country, following dangerous conditions and fighting due to the ongoing civil war there.	<i>What would a person moving to a new country need?</i>	Mutual Respect - People from Syria have had to leave their homes and move to a new country because they don't have a safe place to live. We can all help these people by making them feel safe and welcome.
23rd March	Virgin Galactic, owned by Sir Richard Branson, are one of the first companies intending to make space travel accessible to the public. The company have seen a big increase in the demand for the tickets for flights to space, the first of which will be taking place later this year.	<i>What do you already know about space and what would you like to find out?</i>	Mutual Respect - Some people would be very excited at the thought of flying in a rocket up to space, but some people wouldn't like it at all! It's ok to say what we do or don't like and we should respect what other people like and dislike too.
30th March	Many countries across the world have been asked or have chosen to remain at home during the COVID-19 outbreak. Thousands of Italians, in several cities, clapped from their windows and balconies as healthcare workers went to work, raising spirits with a flashmob, during the lockdown period (where most people remain at home).	<i>How can we make our own fun?</i>	Democracy - The people in Italy decided to make their own fun by playing music from their windows. Whilst we are at home, we can make our own decisions about what things we would like to do and have a family vote.