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<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Details</u>
w/b 4/9/23	Collective worship	Picture News - "What can we learn from new adventures?" Almost ten years ago, the now 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives. After celebrating, he backtracked to Malaysia via Sri Lanka to board a container ship for the 33-day trip home.
w/b 11/9/23	Collective worship	Picture News - "Should life jackets be compulsory for all on open water?" In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians, or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD)
w/b 18/9/23	Collective worship	Confucius - <i>"Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses"</i>
w/b 25/9/23	Collective worship	Picture News - "How important is space exploration?" In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. The mission, named Chandrayaan-3, has been declared a success as the Vikram lander touched down at the end of August. The lunar South Pole is covered by shadow and largely unknown.
w/b 2/10/23	Collective worship	Black History Month
w/b 9/10/23	Collective worship	Ada Lovelace Day
w/b 16/10/23	Collective worship	Picture News - "How does change happen?" October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care.
w/b 20/11/23	Collective worship	Picture News - "How can we show compassion to others?" Warm spaces for the elderly.
w/b 4/12/23	Collective worship	Picture News - "What is it like to love through an uncertain time?" Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

w/b 7/1/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "Are emojis an important part of communication?" 10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Baillie, to sign it. She suggested instead that it should become a petition and it was launched on petitiononline.co.uk .
w/b 5/2/23	Collective Worship	Picture News - "What makes someone inspirational?" 45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.
w/b 12/2/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "Should we learn sign language at school?" Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1,000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.
w/b 26/2/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "Why might people choose to marry?" Greece has just announced that same-sex marriages will become legal across the country for the first time. Previously, only marriages between a man and a woman (people of different sexes) were allowed. Not everyone was supportive of the change; a protest rally was held in Athens, with people displaying banners in the capital's Syntagma Square. Greece's Prime Minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, was fully supportive of the new change.
w/b 29/4/24	Collective worship	Passover and its significance in Judaism Picture News - "How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?" Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees. The request comes after noticing the company using mannequins with running blades to promote its products in shops. Stef has said that by refusing to sell single shoes, Nike is not living up to its values of diversity and inclusion. In a video viewed over 3 million times, Reid said she was thrilled to be shown photos of mannequins in Nike stores with running blades wearing a single shoe.
w/b 13/5/24	Collective Worship	Picture News - "What is your identity?" Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them. The four aboriginal spears are all that remain of the forty or so that British explorer, James Cook, and his team took from the Gweagal people more than 250 years ago. On their arrival in Australia in 1770, they became the first known Europeans to reach the country's east coast.
w/b 20/5/24	Collective Worship	Vesak Buddhist Festival Picture News - "Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?" An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season. The Queens Park Ladies U12s finished top of their table with eighteen wins in the group of eleven boys' teams. They were the only girls' team in the Bournemouth Youth Football League, playing in its third division for under-12s. The players, who train twice a week, have now proved themselves against the other teams.
w/b 27/5/24	Collective Worship	Picture News - "Can the voices of the young be as powerful as those of adults?" A Swedish court has found 21-year-old climate change activist, Greta Thunberg, guilty of disobeying police orders. In March, Greta blocked an entrance to parliament during a

		<p>sit-in as part of an environmental protest. According to the Stockholm District Court, she has been fined around £450 (6,000 Swedish crown). After refusing to comply with police orders to move, as the sit-in disrupted politicians trying to get into and out of the building, Ms. Thunberg and other activists were removed twice by local police.</p>
wb 3/6/24	Collective Worship	<p>Picture News - "Can remembering the past help shape a better future?" 6th June is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, the day in 1944 when Allied forces from thirteen different countries stormed five beaches in Normandy, France. This marked the beginning of the end of World War II. A World War II veteran, Henry Rice, who is 98 and from Surrey, has called for schools to teach children more about D-Day 1944. He believes that by learning about the history of it, they could urge politicians to avoid wars.</p>
wb 18/6/24	Collective Worship	<p>Eid Ul -Adna Islamic Festival</p>
wb 1/7/24	Collective Worship	<p>Picture News - "What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?" This summer, the 2024 Olympics, held in Paris, will run from 26th July to 11th August, and the Paralympics will take place from 28th August to 8th September. The Games will see the world's greatest athletes come together in France's capital city to compete for their place at the top of the podium. For many athletes, these Games are the peak of their sport, with a gold medal as the highest accolade. The competitors are likely to have spent months and years training for numerous hours per day to prepare.</p>