

## Themes Calendar 2016.

The following themes are based on events/celebrations from the calendar, UN observances (e.g. The UN international week for the promotion of cheese products) or significant dates from history. They will form the basis for assemblies for that week and can be used by class tutors as a basis for tutor time discussion or investigation etc. Themes may be subject to change in light of significant world events.

Month	Week beginning	Theme
January	4 <sup>th</sup>	New beginnings, fresh starts- UNICEF day for change(1 <sup>st</sup> )
	11 <sup>th</sup>	National obesity awareness week
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Jnr day, (Birthday 15 <sup>th</sup> ) – Theme of anti-discrimination and peaceful protest.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	1788- The first convicts deported from England land at Sydney Cove in Australia, commemorated by Australia Day. (26 <sup>th</sup> )- Theme of the rule of law and how modern law is less punitive. (Related event)1606- Guy Fawkes and fellow surviving <b>Gunpowder Plotters</b> are hanged, drawn and quartered at Westminster. (31 <sup>st</sup> )
February	1 <sup>st</sup>	RSPCC number day (5 <sup>th</sup> ) – Mathematics based events to raise awareness of NSPCC.
	8 <sup>th</sup>	11 February- International Day of Women and Girls in Science
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Half term week.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Random acts of kindness day (17 <sup>th</sup> )
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Leap-day.-what does it mean, why do we have one.
March	7 <sup>th</sup>	Zero discrimination day (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	14 <sup>th</sup>	British Science week (starts 11 <sup>th</sup> ) – theme of innovation, British contributions to science and discovery, the impact of scientific progress on our lives.
	21 <sup>st</sup>	World poetry day (21 <sup>st</sup> ) - Sharing our favourite poems and writing our own.
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter holiday.
April	4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday

	11 <sup>th</sup>	International day of human space flight (12 <sup>th</sup> )
	18 <sup>th</sup>	1775-The American War of Independence begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The British win both.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	St George day (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) - who was he? Why is he our patron saint?
May	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1707-The <b>Act of Union</b> takes effect (1 <sup>st</sup> ) and England and Scotland become Great Britain, with a new Union Flag. British values and the make-up of Britain over the ages.
	9 <sup>th</sup>	1660-Parliament proclaims <b>Charles II</b> king of England, restoring the monarchy after more than a decade (8 <sup>th</sup> ). Theme of absolute power versus democracy, the very different roles of the monarch between Charles 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
	16 <sup>th</sup>	1796-English doctor <b>Edward Jenner</b> administers the first vaccination against smallpox, using pus from cowpox. (14 <sup>th</sup> ) Theme of the medical advances and saving lives using the story of Jenner.
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term.
	30 <sup>th</sup>	
June	6 <sup>th</sup>	31 May- World No-Tobacco Day. Health risks associated with smoking.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 June- World Blood Donor Day.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	20 June- World Refugee Day- Looking at the contribution to our society of refugees to the UK, and some of the reasons they are forced to leave their homes.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunglasses day. Day focusses on wearing glasses as UV protection. Theme of sun-safety in general, understanding the dangers of sunburn and the need to protect.
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	1948-Britain's <b>National Health Service</b> comes into operation, providing free medical treatment to all.(5 <sup>th</sup> )
	11 <sup>th</sup>	1940-The <b>Battle of Britain</b> begins with German air raids on British ports and shipping (10 <sup>th</sup> ). Theme of risking everything to protect your country, life during WW2. Related event- 1945-The world's first <b>atomic weapon</b> is tested by the US at Alamogordo Air Base in Los Alamos, New Mexico.(16 <sup>th</sup> )
	18 <sup>th</sup>	18 July- Nelson Mandela International Day. Themes of forgiveness and peaceful protest, equality and justice.
September	5 <sup>th</sup>	1666- Great fire of London. Started on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and burned until 6 <sup>th</sup> Much of London needs rebuilding. Theme of starting again and making it even better.

	12 <sup>th</sup>	International Day of Democracy (15 <sup>th</sup> ) - Looking at the electoral process in terms of world politics and comparing it to the election of school council members and our new Head Boy and Head Girl.
	19 <sup>th</sup>	1633-Astronomer <b>Galileo Galilei</b> is tried before the Inquisition for teaching that the Earth orbits the Sun (20 <sup>th</sup> ). Theme of telling the truth even when you know it's not the easiest thing to do.
	26 <sup>th</sup>	1066- <b>William of Normandy</b> lands at Pevensey on the south coast of England at the start of his invasion. (28 <sup>th</sup> )
October	3 <sup>rd</sup>	World smile day. Theme of spreading your mood, good or bad.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	1903- <b>Emmeline Pankhurst</b> forms the Women's Social and Political Union to fight for women's rights in Britain. Theme of equality and challenging stereotypes.
	17 <sup>th</sup>	1805-The Royal Navy defeats the Franco-Spanish fleet at the <b>Battle of Trafalgar</b> , but Nelson is killed.(21 <sup>st</sup> )
	24 <sup>th</sup>	1901- 63yr old female teacher Annie Edson Taylor became the first over Niagara falls in a barrel. Themes might include daring to do difficult things, or taking precautions to make difficult things doable.
	31 <sup>st</sup>	1957-The Soviet Union launches the first living thing to go into orbit, a dog called Laika, in Sputnik II.(3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Themes could involve the ways that humans use animals to help them. Look at Dickin medal winners and maybe think about more controversial issues such as animal testing with older pupils.
November	7 <sup>th</sup>	Armistice day (11 <sup>th</sup> ) – Remembering those who have given their lives in combat, understanding why we still wear the red poppy.
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week – Theme TBC.
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Road Safety week – looking at ways to stay safe as the nights draw in, and recapping the green cross code. Being safe as pedestrians and cyclists.
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Anger Awareness week. Themes of self-defeating effects of anger, and how letting anger go can free you and lead to a happier life. (1 <sup>st</sup> Dec)
December	5 <sup>th</sup>	Theme based on equality to all people based on these historical events. 1919-Nancy Astor becomes the first female MP to take her seat in parliament. (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 1955-Civil rights activist Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat for a white passenger in Alabama.(1 <sup>st</sup> ) 3 December- International Day of Persons with Disabilities
	12 <sup>th</sup>	1948-The <b>United Nations</b> General Assembly adopts the 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights' in Paris. (10 <sup>th</sup> )