

This week's story looks at events related to ...

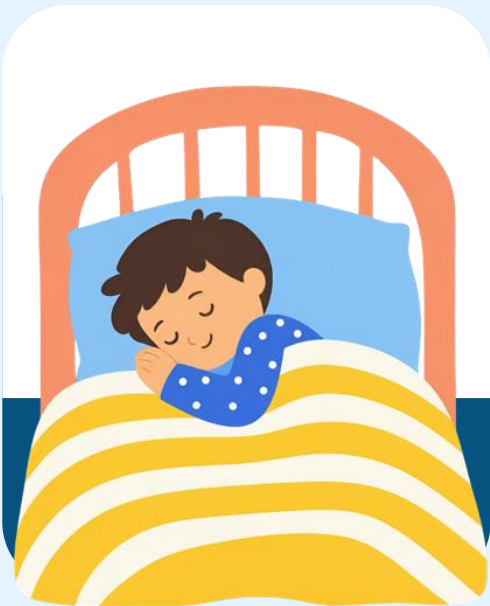




**Do we all have a part to play
in helping those in need?**

Let's look at this week's story

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. Accommodation will be found to end the need for sleeping rough. There will also be practical support for any health needs, as part of a £442m investment.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).





Read the information found on the assembly resource, all about the story. Share your thoughts on the pledge.

Pledge to end homelessness by Christmas

What has been pledged?

A pledge is a bit like a promise. Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a route off the streets by Christmas.



Where will people stay?

- Rooms in shared flats or houses
- Bed and Breakfasts
- Warm spaces for short-term stays
- Supported housing for people who need more help



Image: A homeless shelter in Surrey. Source: Surrey Food Bank

How will it work?

The government has announced a £442 million funding package. The money will pay for housing and support for people who currently have nowhere to live.

The money will also help provide 1,000 accommodation buildings over the next three years to provide homeless people with their own home for the future.

I do not believe anybody should be forced to sleep rough...I want to get everyone in for Christmas.



Andy Burnham

Pictured above: Prime Minister Andy Burnham speaking about his pledge.

Source: Aleksandra Dragoi



Look at the resource below, which shares information about some organisations that help people.



Homelessness charity

Helps people who do not have a safe home. It may give advice and help them find somewhere suitable to stay.



British Red Cross

Helps people during emergencies, such as floods, fires or accidents. Its volunteers may provide first aid, food, blankets or somewhere safe.



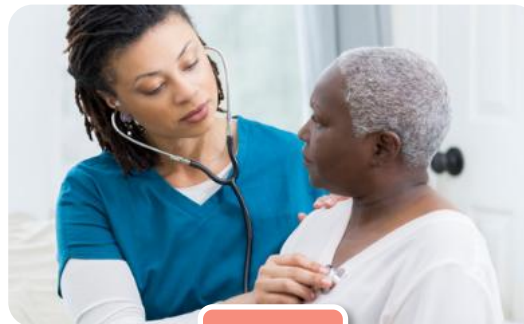
RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution)

Trained crews use lifeboats to rescue people who are in danger at sea.



Food bank

Collects donated food and everyday items, then gives them to people who do not have enough.



NHS

Doctors, nurses and other staff care for people who are ill or hurt and help them stay healthy.



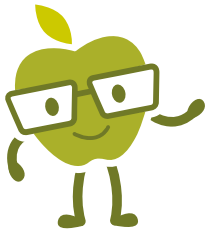
Local council

Runs services in the local area, such as libraries, parks and bin collections. It can also help people find housing and support.

**Who does each organisation help? What does it provide?
How are the organisations similar to or different from each other?**

Media Literacy

I can choose whether to believe or share a story.



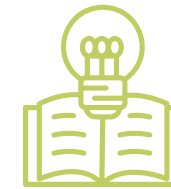
Explanation: Let's think about how our choices can affect others when we share news.



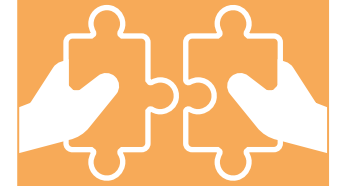
Analyse



Evaluate



Research



Act

Questions to Discuss

- What might make you stop and think before sharing a story?
- Why is it important to check a story before sharing it?
- What could happen if we share something that isn't true?
- What could you do if you are unsure whether a story is true?

Activity

Read the statement: *"By Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay".*

In pairs, discuss whether you think you have enough information to share this statement with others. Why?

Read the full news story.

Would you share the statement now that you know more? Why?

Write a short paragraph summary of the story in your own words.

British Values



I Really Do Matter!



**Individual
Liberty**



Rule of Law



Democracy



**Mutual Respect
and Tolerance**

Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



Democracy is shown because the government is taking action to address homelessness and make decisions that support people across England.

This story highlights **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** by encouraging us to accept others, show kindness and treat people as we would wish to be treated.



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

Protected Characteristics

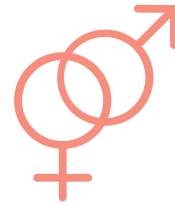


Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



Homelessness can affect people of all **ages**. Anyone facing homelessness should be protected from discrimination, no matter how old they are.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



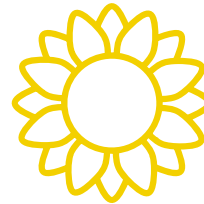
Sex



Who People Love



Age



Disability



Being Yourself



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



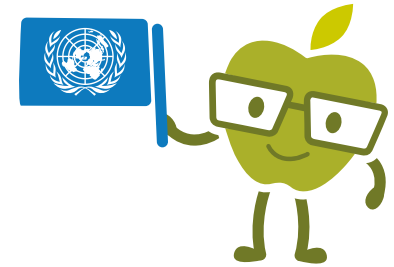
Race



Religion or Belief



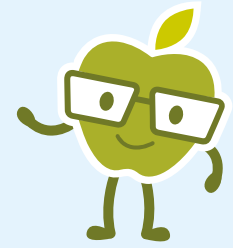
UN Rights of the Child



Every child has the right to a safe and secure home with the support they need to grow and thrive.



Reflection



Support for those in need can come from many places, including governments, charities, professionals, communities and individuals.

