

# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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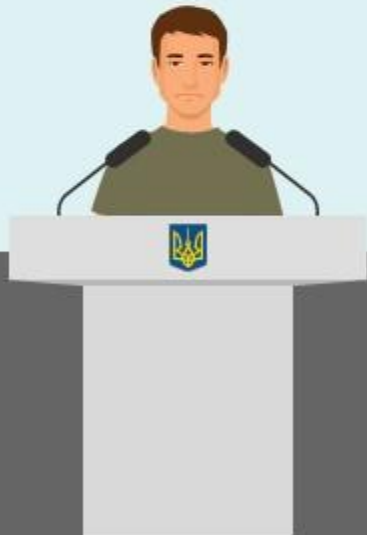
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# Let's look at this week's story

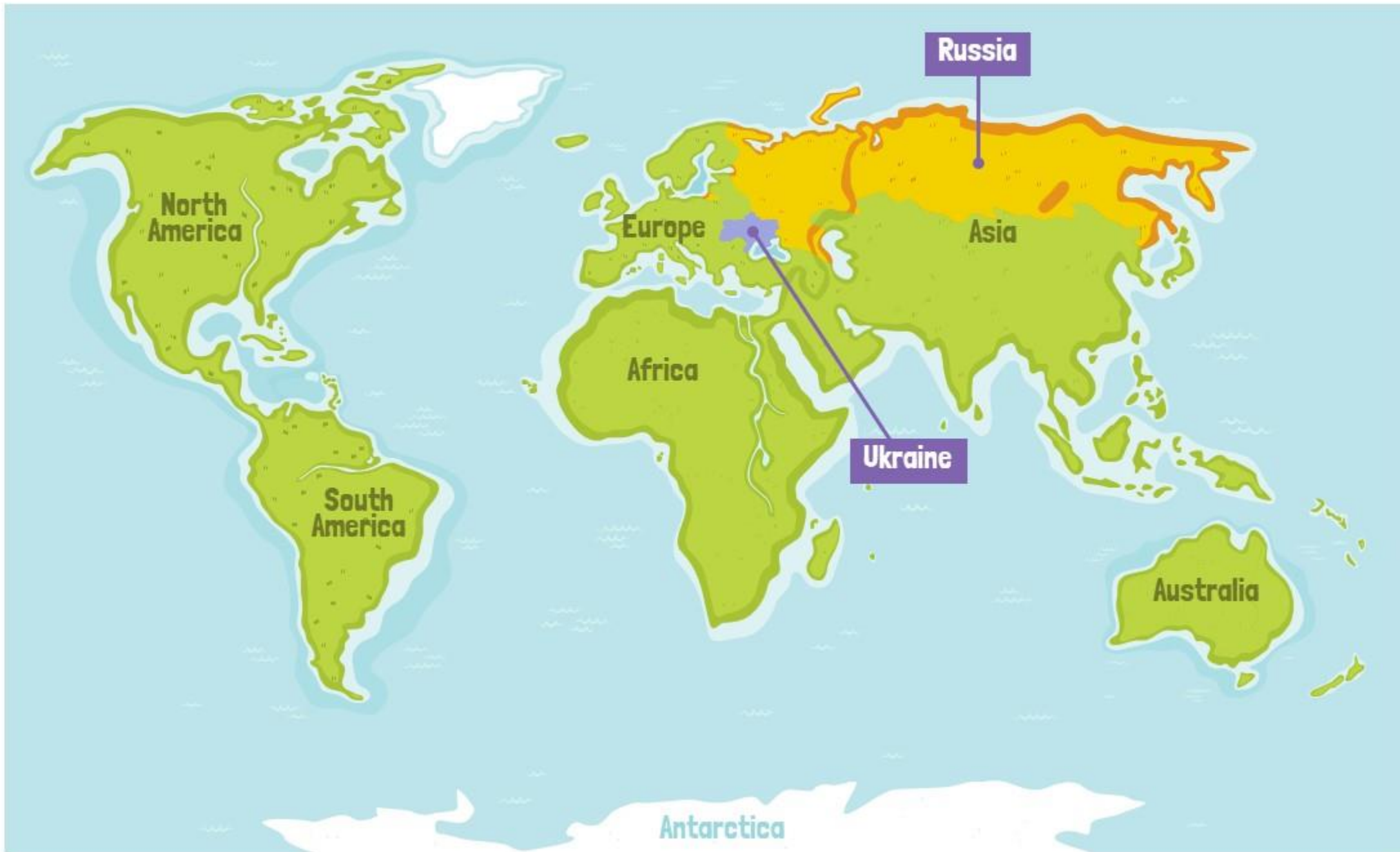


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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Assembly [here](#).

# This week's story looks at events in ...



# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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Read through the information about President Zelenskyy found below.

## Who is Volodymyr Zelenskyy?



In recent weeks, Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has become a hero to many because of the bravery he has shown and how he has handled the Russian invasion.

President Zelenskyy vowed to remain in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, despite the risk from the invasion.

During a recent speech shared online, President Zelenskyy switched from Ukrainian to Russian, appealing directly to Russians for peace.

**" I do not want my pictures in your offices, for the President is not an icon, an idol, or a portrait. Hang your kids' photos instead – and look at them each time you are making a decision."**

President Zelenskyy, speaking to his team in 2019, following his appointment as the president of Ukraine.

**Pictured:** President Zelenskyy speaking to the Ukrainian public.  
**Source:** P O Ukraine

## Factfile

### President Zelenskyy

- Aged 44, born in 1978 in eastern Ukraine.
- Married with two children.
- Graduated from Kyiv National Economic University with a law degree.
- Started a TV production company and had a successful career in TV and films, including playing the role of president in a TV programme.
- In 2018, Mr Zelenskyy moved into politics and a year later became the president of Ukraine!

**Do you think he is a good leader for the people in Ukraine?**



Look at the resource below. For each scenario decide which you think might be dangerous, difficult or frightening.

**Picking up a spider**  
you see in your bedroom  
and popping it outside.



**Telling a grown-up**  
when you see somebody  
being unkind in the  
playground.



**Going somewhere**  
for the first time e.g. first day  
at school, first time at a club, first  
time trying a new activity.

**Which of these scenarios would  
you need to be brave to do?**

**Taking part in  
a sports competition**  
against other schools  
with lots of people  
watching.



**Falling over**  
and hurting yourself  
and remaining calm.

**Going to bed**  
when it is dark  
outside.

**Going down**  
a high, fast,  
long water slide.





Look at the resource below, which gives examples of ways we can learn to be brave.

## Can I learn to be brave?

Rather than hiding away from the things you fear or that make you feel scared, recognise and acknowledge them.

Talk to someone you trust, they may be able to help and support you, give you encouragement, share their experiences.

Think positively. Tell yourself you can do it, tell yourself you are brave, tell yourself you will not give up.

Learn from someone else, perhaps a grown-up you know who shows they are brave. How do they overcome their fears?

Focus on small goals and challenges that help you build-up gradually to your bigger fear.

Accept sometimes being brave may feel uncomfortable. Don't be afraid to be afraid!

## Have you heard of a comfort zone?

The things in our comfort zone are all of the things we feel comfortable, happy and confident doing. We don't risk anything and everything feels safe.

Outside the comfort zone are the things we might fear trying, something new, something that is a challenge. We need to be brave to step out of our comfort zones.



**Do you think trying the things above can help you learn to be brave?**





# Reflection



Bravery comes in many forms. President Zelenskyy has shown bravery in leading the country of Ukraine through an incredibly difficult time.





## Mutual Respect

Bravery comes in many forms. A new or tricky situation may be challenging for one person but not another. We can respect our differences and support each other in difficult times.





# UN Rights of a Child



All children  
have the right  
to be protected  
during war.



# Useful vocabulary



## Comedian

A person whose job it is to make people laugh by telling jokes or funny stories.

Once an actor and **comedian**, the 44-year-old Ukrainian president is being called a hero.

## Crisis

A time of great difficulty or danger.

Share any prior knowledge about the president of Ukraine and his actions in the current **crisis**.

## Endure

To suffer something difficult, unpleasant or painful.

The 44-year-old Ukrainian president is being called a hero, who has bravely refused to bow down to Russia, as his country of Ukraine **endures** an attack.

## Hero

A person who is admired for having done something very brave or having achieved something great.

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## Invasion

When an army or country uses force to enter and take control of another country.

Lots of people are calling him a brave leader as he leads Ukraine through their current crisis, following Russia's **invasion**.

## Quality

A characteristic or feature of someone or something.

Do you think being brave is an important **quality**?

**Can you use them in your writing this week?**



## Mystery of Stonehenge solved

Researchers, from Bournemouth University, say that they have solved the mystery of why Stonehenge was made! They have concluded that the prehistoric landmark, which was constructed around 2,500 BC, is a giant solar calendar that

“ It was used to keep track of days, weeks, and months ”

helped people to know what day of the year it was. Professor Timothy Darvill explained that he thinks the site, on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England, was created based on a solar year of 365.25 days. He says it was used to help people keep track of days, weeks, and months. During this time in history there were ten days in a week, three weeks in a month and one extra month that was only five days long! Prof Darvill said,



Pictured: Stonehenge. Source: Canva.

“Each of the 30 stones in the sarsen circle represents a day within a month, itself divided into three weeks each of 10 days. The calendar’s alignment with the sun means that any errors in counting the days would be easily noticed as the sun would be in the wrong place during the summer and winter solstices.”

## Sniffer dogs helping RSPB detect seabirds

The RSPB (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) is a wildlife conservation charity. They have recently reported that they have been ‘teaching old dogs new tricks’ as they have been using sniffer dogs to help detect seabirds that nest in burrows. The researchers have been testing their dogs’ ability to track Manx shearwater and European storm petrels, also seeing if the dogs can tell the difference between the two seabird species. Seabirds are one of the most threatened groups of birds, they spend

most of their time at sea, and only come to land to nest and have chicks. It is hoped this study will allow the birds’ nesting areas to be identified and protected. The Manx shearwater has long straight slim wings measuring about 80cm, and eats mostly herrings, sardines and sprats. The storm petrel is the UK’s smallest seabird, weighing only 25 - 30 grams. The word “storm” in its name is said to come from the days of sailing vessels, when petrels would hide from storms in the leeward (side facing away from the wind) part of ships.

Pictured: British storm petrel Source: Canva

Pictured: Manx shearwaters Source: Canva



# 'Harvesting the sun twice'

Successful trials in Kenya, have found that growing crops beneath special solar panels, known as agrivoltaics, resulted in the plants growing bigger. The technique harvests solar energy twice! Solar panels are traditionally used to harness the sun's rays to generate energy, but in this research, they were also used to provide shade for growing crops, help to keep moisture in the soil, reduce the stress experienced by plants due to high day temperatures and UV damage, and therefore boost their growth. The project

by the University of Sheffield, World Agroforestry, and the Kajiado-based Latia Agripreneurship Institute has shown optimistic results. They reported that cabbages grown under the 180, 345-watt solar panels are a third bigger than those grown in control plots with the same amount of fertiliser and water. The scientists also grew larger aubergines, lettuces and maize. The system is being used successfully in France, the US and Germany as well.



**Pictured:** Plants being grown in the trial beneath Agrivoltaics. **Source:** LatiaAgribusinessSol @AgribusinessSol Twitter page.

Last week's topic:

## Whose responsibility is it to help endangered animals?



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I think that its everyone's job to help endangered animals because we can all make the right [decisions] and make the world a better place.

Obed - age 12

I think we should protect animals that are in danger.

Natasha - age 7

Don't chop down too many trees and remember to plant new ones to replace the ones we do use. We need to think about what resources we're using and how that will affect the koalas' habitat.

Connie - age 11

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# TAKEHOME



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### Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of a time when you were brave, or you witnessed someone else being brave? What happened?
- Can you think of someone who is your hero? Can you describe them?
- What qualities do you think make a good leader?

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