

What's happening in the news this week?



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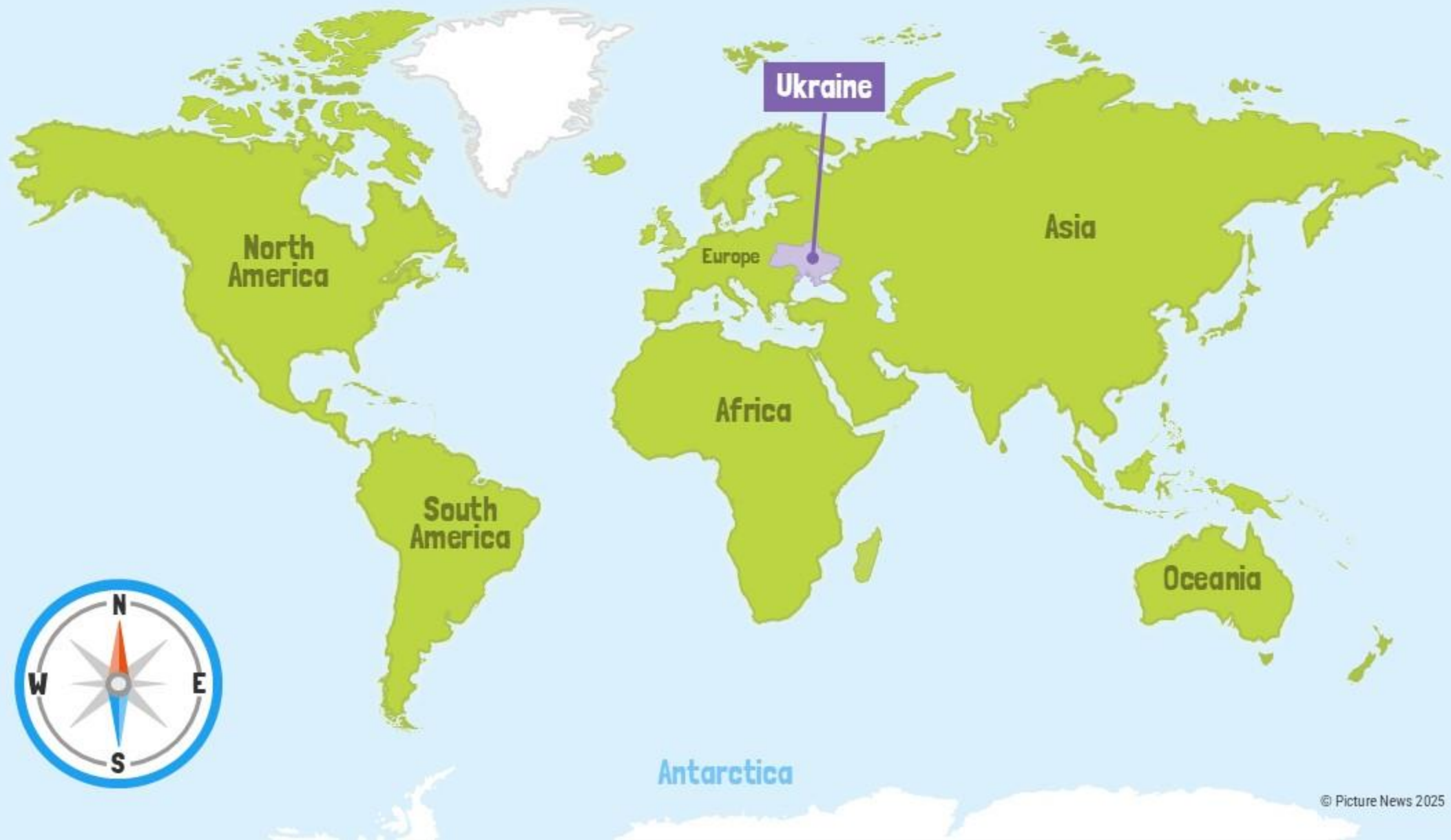
Let's have a look at this week's poster!

24th - 30th March 2025



**Do world leaders have a
duty to help other countries?**

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



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



Questions

- Think about this week's story, and share any initial thoughts or feelings you have. What do you think it means to have a 'duty' to help other countries? What are the different kinds of 'help' a country can offer (e.g., financial aid, humanitarian support, military assistance)?
- How would you feel if your own community was in trouble - would you want outside help, or would you prefer to solve it on your own?





- Can you think of any times in history when a country/countries stepped in to help another? What were the reasons for helping, and what were the outcomes? What might stop a country from helping another in crisis? Consider factors like cost, public opinion, or potential conflict escalation.
- Why might some leaders feel it is their responsibility to act, while others believe they should stay out of another country's affairs? Is there a universal moral responsibility, or does it depend on each leader's viewpoint?



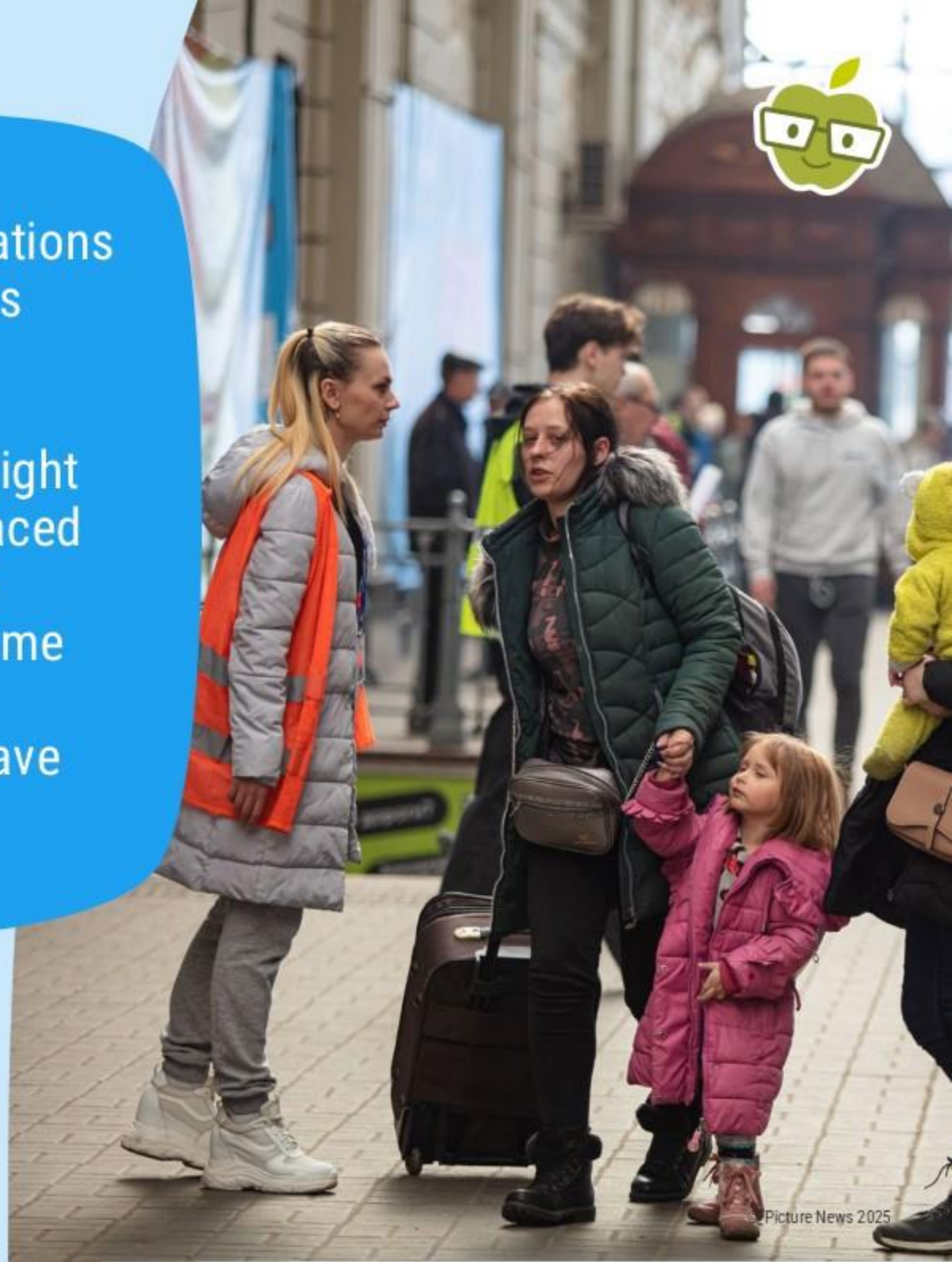


Vital statistics

According to a research briefing in the House of Commons Library (2025), the UK has, since 2022, pledged a total of £12.8 billion in assistance to Ukraine, with £7.8 billion directed toward military support. If countries are spending more on defence, what might this mean for other areas of public spending, such as healthcare or education? Could spending this money at home have an impact, or is it important to support global security?



In data collated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), more than six million Ukrainian refugees have been recorded across Europe. How might hosting a large number of displaced people affect the countries that receive them? What might be some benefits and challenges? What impact could support like this have on people fleeing conflict?





What others think

Read through and share your responses to the two quotes below.

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Further questions for discussion



- Should leaders prioritise domestic issues over international ones, or do global events ultimately affect everyone?
- How might groups like the United Nations, NATO, or NGOs influence a leader's decision to help another country?



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Reflection



The work of world leaders will sometimes go beyond their own country. Some issues, such as wars or climate change, affect us all so it is important leaders can work together.

PROTECT



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**British
Values**



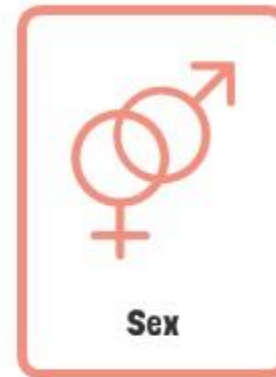
Democracy

In a democracy, people have a voice, and leaders are chosen to represent their views. World leaders must listen, discuss, and make fair choices for everyone.

Protected Characteristics



War and conflict can affect people all over the world. We can work together to provide help and support for people during wartime, no matter where they live.



Sex



Sexual
Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender
Reassignment



Marriage and
Civil Partnership



Pregnancy
and Maternity



Race



Religion
or Belief



UN Rights of the Child



Children should be protected in times of war and conflict. The decisions of world leaders can help protect children and families who are affected by fighting and keep them safe from harm.



LET'S DISCUSS

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This week's news story

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2017v5ngxpo>

This week's useful video

<https://vimeo.com/1063599827?share=copy#t=0>



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