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Thank you for subscribing to Newsthink, a monthly email from the British Red Cross with free teaching ideas that look at the news from a humanitarian angle.

This month we'll be thinking about:

- The humanitarian crisis in [Venezuela](#) and the importance of neutrality.
- [Climate change](#) and its impact on people living on islands in the Pacific.
- How we can use [social media](#) responsibly and with kindness.
- Meghan Markle writing [messages of kindness](#) on bananas.

Learners will build their understanding of the topics and relate ideas to their own lives using photo, video, discussion and active critical thinking activities



VENEZUELA: HUMANITARIAN AID AND NEUTRALITY

As Venezuela sees a growing humanitarian crisis, with people going hungry and hospitals short of essential medicines, we'll consider the implications of this on

people's everyday lives. Using a short video, learners will discuss the humanitarian principle of neutrality and its role in delivering aid.

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A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE

As young people become increasingly concerned about climate change, we'll look at how this is impacting people's lives. We'll focus on the people living on the Pacific island of Tuvalu, which is seeing the world's first climate change refugees.

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USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR GOOD

With social media playing a growing role in people's lives, this activity will consider some the positive and negative aspects of using social media. Learners will discuss how they engage with social media and how they can use it responsibly and with kindness.

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GO BANANAS WITH A MESSAGE OF KINDNESS

On a recent visit to a charity, Meghan Markle wrote messages of kindness on bananas that were used in food parcels for those in need. This quick activity will consider the effect messages like this could have, and the importance of small acts of kindness.

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