

# LESSON PLANS

## LESSON ONE

### WHAT IS NEWS?

**KEY POINTS:**

- Working in news is exciting, but challenging: we have to make our deadlines and ensure we get our stories right every time.
- Reports can be made in many different ways, but make sure you know how to put reports on your school website so we can link to them and your audience can read them.
- A good journalist keeps his or her eyes and ears open – everywhere they go.
- Making the news means a lot of work behind the scenes.
- Think about what actually makes something news – Almost everything in your day-to-day life, things that interest you or your friends, could be a news story.
- Stories can be about your school, the area where you live, the UK or even international.
- Be curious, you never know, you might uncover something very important or interesting – something that will make an original piece of journalism.
- Why not hold an editorial meeting – like we do at the BBC – to decide what stories to cover?