



# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

## Primary KS2



**Be informed.**



**Be curious.**



**Be heard.**

# Feedback: “Do you know how to stay safe outside school?”



**“I think that I am safe outside of school, I know the risks and even through all of my social media accounts I do not share any personal information. I know there are some risks but I can identify them and know what to do.”**

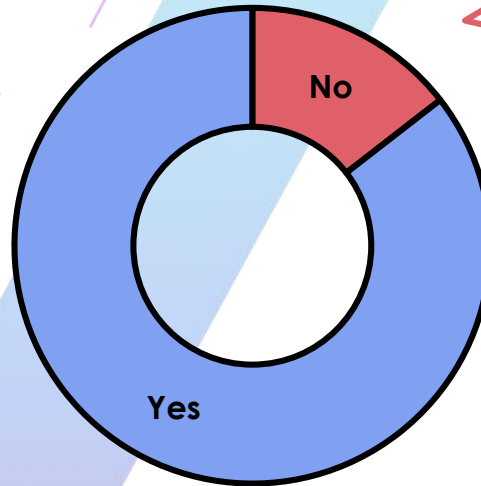
Northwood College for Girls

**“Yes we do know how to keep safe and we would speak to a trusted adult like a policeman, parent or teacher if we were scared.”**

Crawford Village School

## Remember!

Make sure to tell a trusted adult if you see anything that worries you.



Yes  
85.5%

No  
14.5%

**“I prefer to stay with my parents as I feel safe with them.”**

Lingwood Primary Academy

**“We are not adults yet so we don't know a lot about the world.”**

Manor Junior School

**“Although we know how to stay safe, we don't always feel safe outside of school.”**

Crawford Village School

**“I have seen lots of things in my local area that we have seen on today's slide... When I pass them on my way home tonight, I know what I need to do to keep safe.”**

Rivers Primary Academy

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“Safe Places Organisation believes that everyone should be able to feel safe and be safe no matter where they find themselves. The Safe Places National Network is working to create a nationwide network of support, so help is available to anyone who needs it, when they need it. It is important pupils’ voices are heard. We encourage you to organise a campaign to write to your local council leaders, Police & Crime Commissioners & Members of Parliament and ask them to take your safety seriously.”



Andrew Culkin, Director  
of Safe Places National  
Network  
(Full quote in Notes)

The VoteTopic results were shared with...

Childline

**childline**  
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Family Lives



Safeguarding &  
Child Protection  
Association

sacpa

The Children's  
Society



The Children's  
Commissioner

**Children's**  
COMMISSIONER



# Starter: Rate my year...



## Rate my year! (3-4 mins)

Take a moment to think back to last year. If you had to give it a rating out of 10 (10 being the best), what would you give it & why? Explain your answer to your partner.

The **worst thing** about last year was...

I would **give 2020 a...** because...

The **best thing** about last year was...



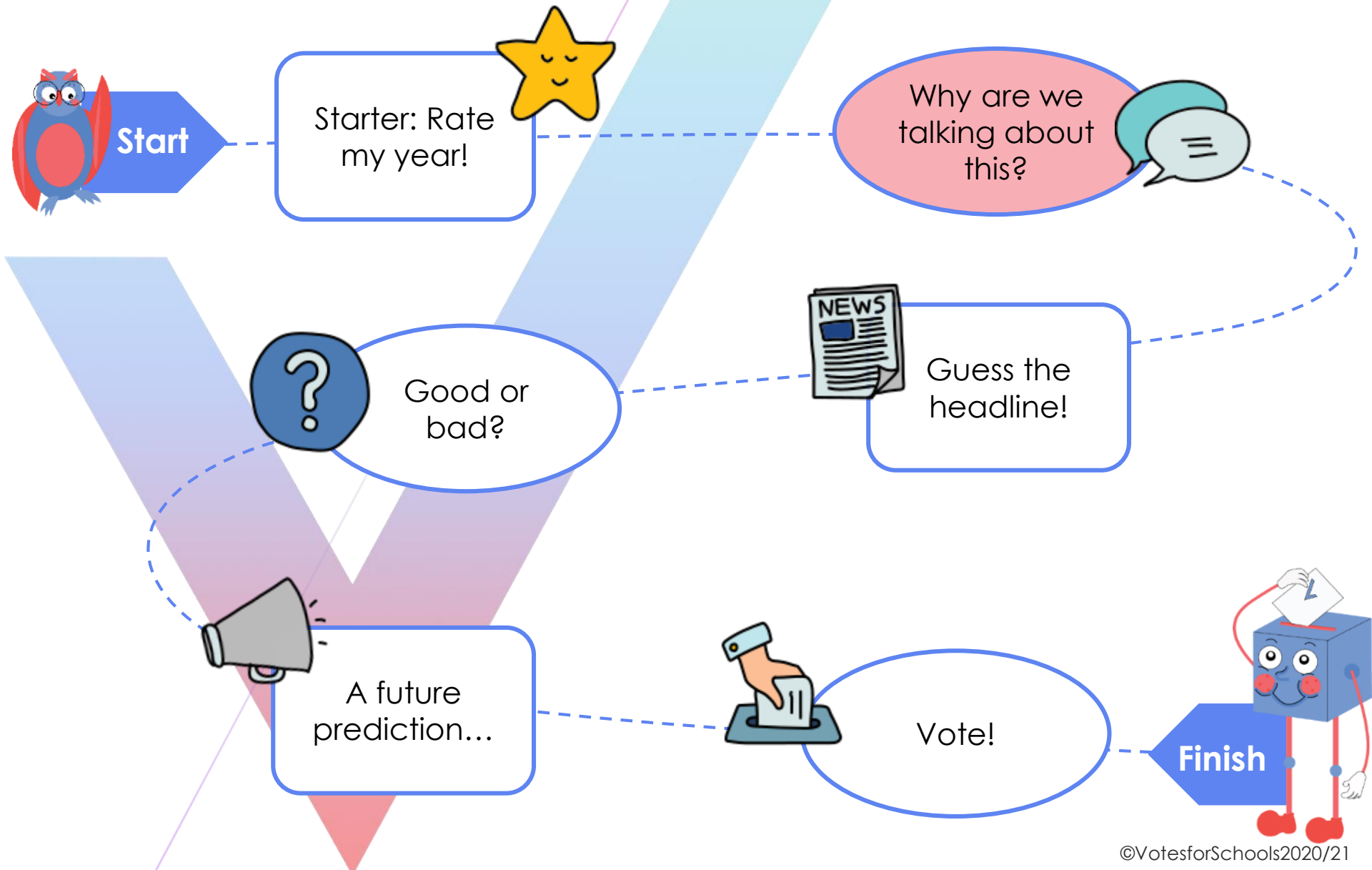
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**GOOD NEWS**

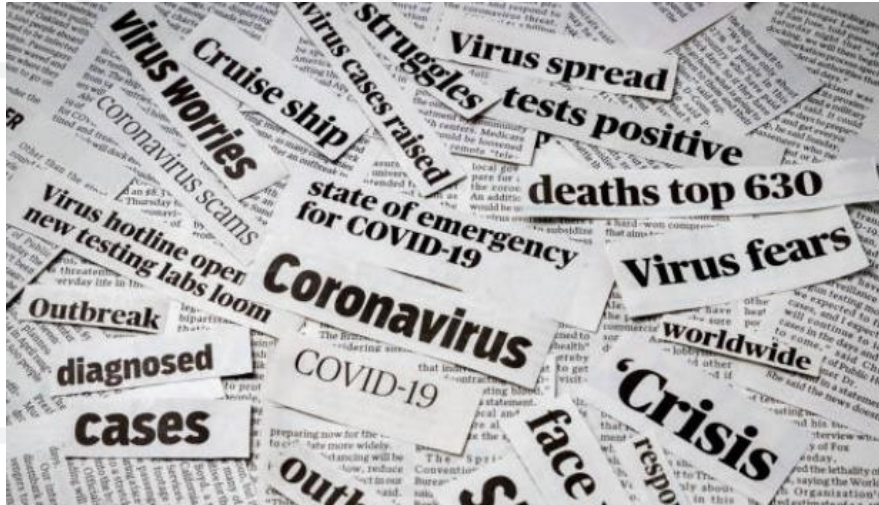


# Our learning journey for this week!





# Why are we talking about this?



This week is probably your **first week back at school** since 2020!

It's safe to say that **2020 wasn't the best year** we've ever had, with the **outbreak of Coronavirus** placing us all into lockdowns. But is that **all that happened** last year?

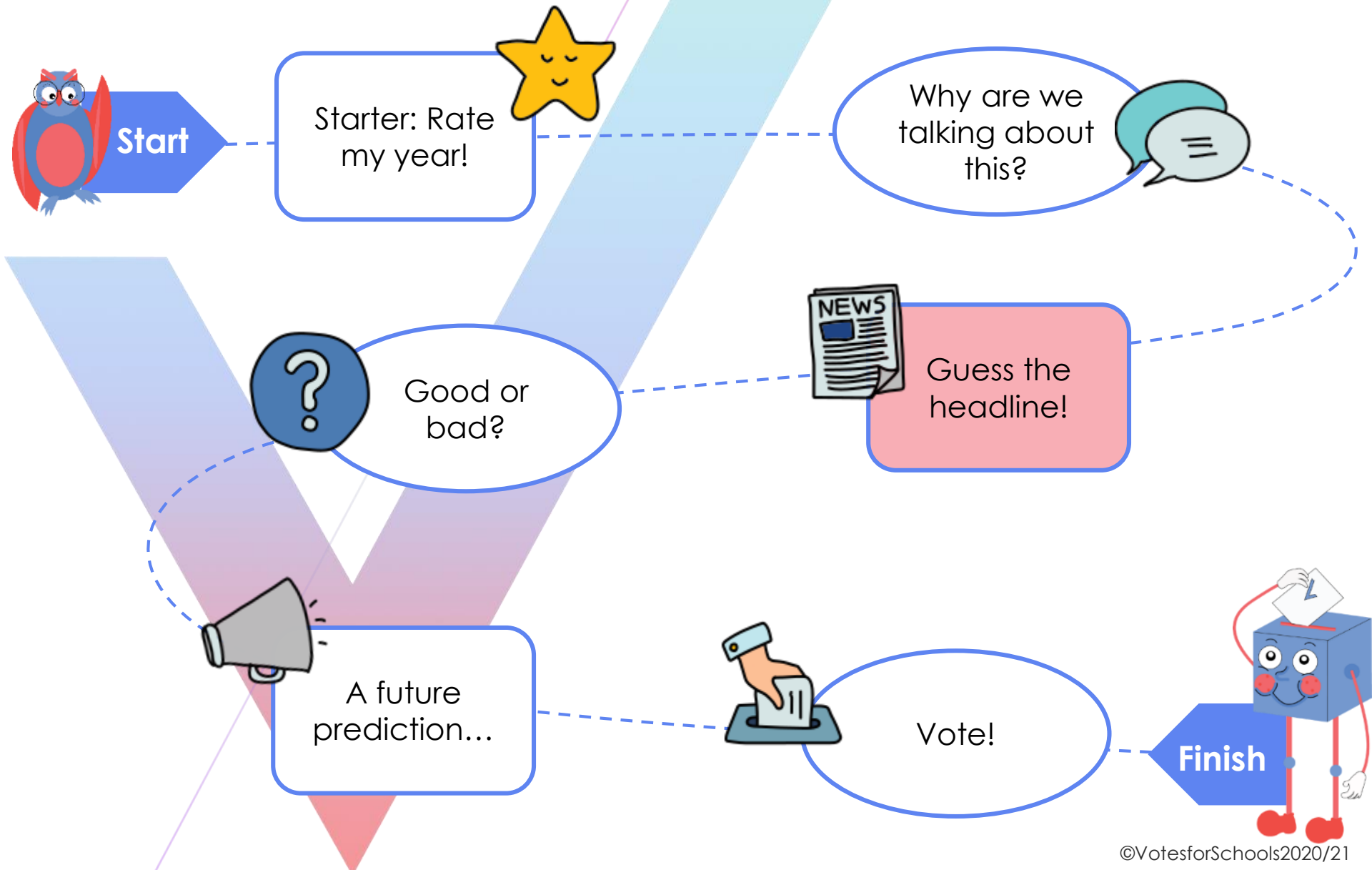
While **Coronavirus** may have been the **most talked about thing in the news** last year, it was not the only thing. That's why, this week, we're asking whether **good news was overlooked in 2020!**



**Overlooked:**  
Not noticed or thought about much.



# Our learning journey for this week!







# Guess the headline!



There were actually quite a few **good news** stories in 2020, but **how many did you hear about?** It's time to find out...

## Guess the headline! (5-10 mins)

Take a look at some of these news stories from 2020. With your partner, can you guess what the missing word is?

A \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture saved a Dutch subway train from plummeting to the ground

Key



Whale tail



Tulip



12-year old boy finds bones of a \_\_\_\_\_-year old dinosaur in Canada



690,000



6.9 million



69 million



# Guess the headline!



US designer creates bricks out of \_\_\_\_\_ that are stronger than concrete

Mushrooms



Cobwebs



Acorns



93-year old care home resident spends lockdown making \_\_\_\_\_ to raise money for charity



Christmas puddings



Christmas cards



Christmas decorations

In Surrey, a \_\_\_\_\_ has opened specifically for people facing homelessness

Sports centre



Letting agency



Supermarket





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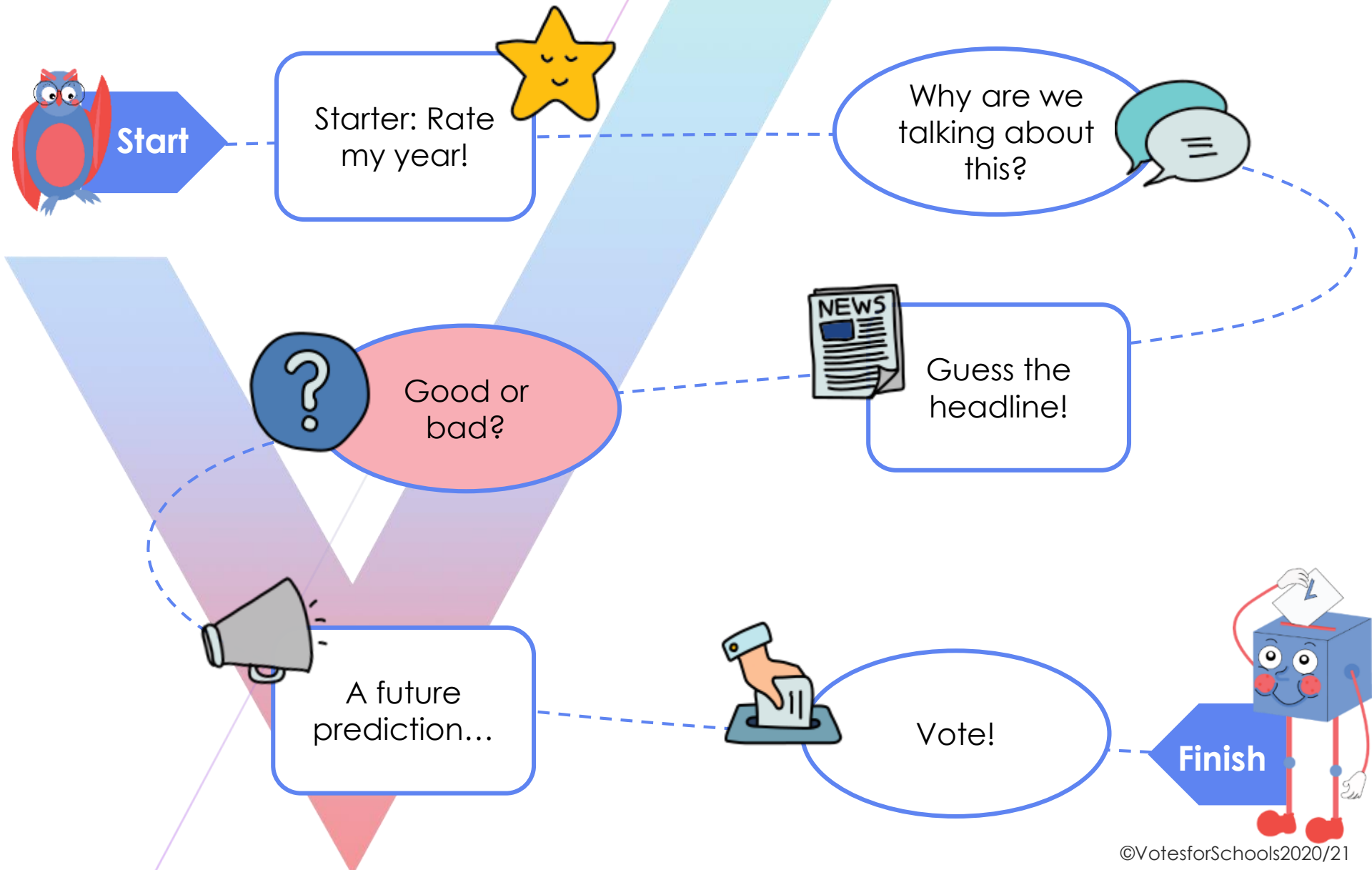
## Pair activity (2 mins)

How many of these did you get right? Do any/all of them make you feel differently about last year?

## Challenge:

Click the icons to read each of the stories!

# Our learning journey for this week!





# Good or bad?



## Quiz! (15-20 mins)

On the next few slides you are going to read some of the most positive news stories from last year. As a class, read each one and answer the questions at the bottom of the slide.



## Short on time?

Use your thumbs to answer the first two questions instead!



*Did you hear about this last year?*



*In your opinion, is this good news?*



*What do you think might happen next?*





# Good or bad?



## Good news for... the environment?



Carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) emissions were down **7% this year worldwide** – that's **2.4 billion tonnes!** As well as this, the UN has made a **low-carbon recovery plan** for the world once the **pandemic** is over, which will hopefully **reduce emissions** even more...



**Boris Johnson** also made his own plan to **help the environment** here in the **UK**. His plan is designed to **tackle climate change and also create or support 250,000 new jobs**. The plan will cost **billions of pounds**, and will use things like **wind energy**, which we have lots of!

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*In your opinion, is this good news?*



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# Good or bad?



Good news for... diversity?



**Kamala Harris** became the **first female, Black and Asian-American** to become **Vice President of the United States**.

This means that, if she became President one day, she would also be the **first female President** and the **second Black President** in the history of the USA!

In February last year, **Korean film Parasite** became the first **non-English Language film** to take home an Oscar **for Best Picture**. It also **won three other awards** on the night, and was the **first film from South Korea** to be nominated for **International Feature Film**.



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*What do you think might happen next?*

# Good or bad?



Good news for... supporting communities?



During our first lockdown, **Captain Tom Moore** raised **£32 million** for the NHS by walking **100 laps around his garden before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday**, which inspired many other people to also do their bit to support our NHS. **More than £100 million was raised for them last year!**



Celebrities also helped **bring people together**, like **Marcus Rashford**, who made the **Government change its mind** about money for **free school meals!** Lots of companies and restaurants also got involved too, with **everyone working together** to make sure no one was hungry.

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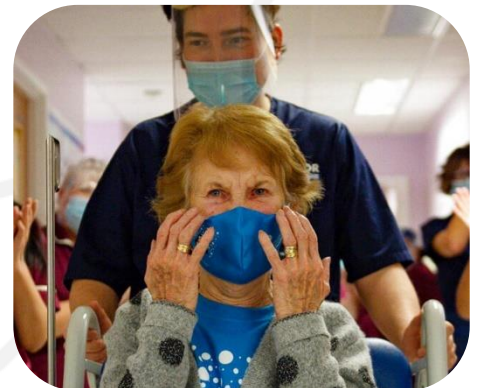


## Good news for... science & technology?



SpaceX **launched a rocket** that **nearly flew into space** and back down again... until **it exploded!** So why is this good news? It is a **giant leap in progress** for finding a rocket that can go into space, return and be reused – **something which has never been achieved before.**

Lots of **COVID-19 vaccines** started appearing at the end of last year, but one from **Oxford University & AstraZeneca** is going to be sold for **just £2.30 per dose** to countries with less money, making sure that an extra **3 billion people** all **around the world** are able to be vaccinated.



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# Good or bad?



A **personal** achievement



Something you **enjoyed**

A **good piece of news** you heard



## Discuss (3-5 mins)

Can you think of any other positive things that happened in 2020? Share them as a class and write a mind-map of your "happy news" on the board. It could be...

**Not in the classroom?**

Create your own mind-map!

Something that happened at **school**



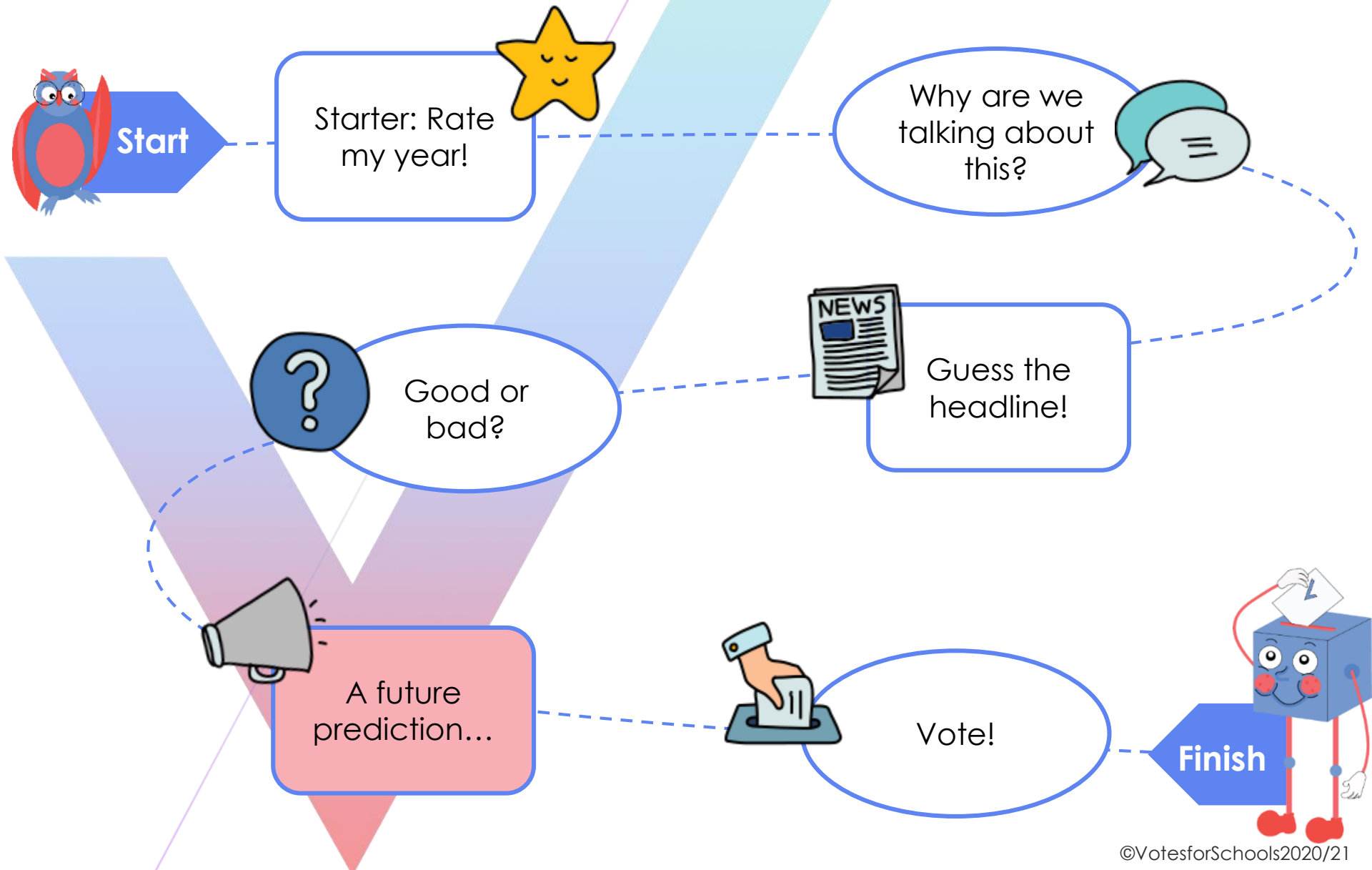
A **new addition** to your friends or family

Something that made you **happy**



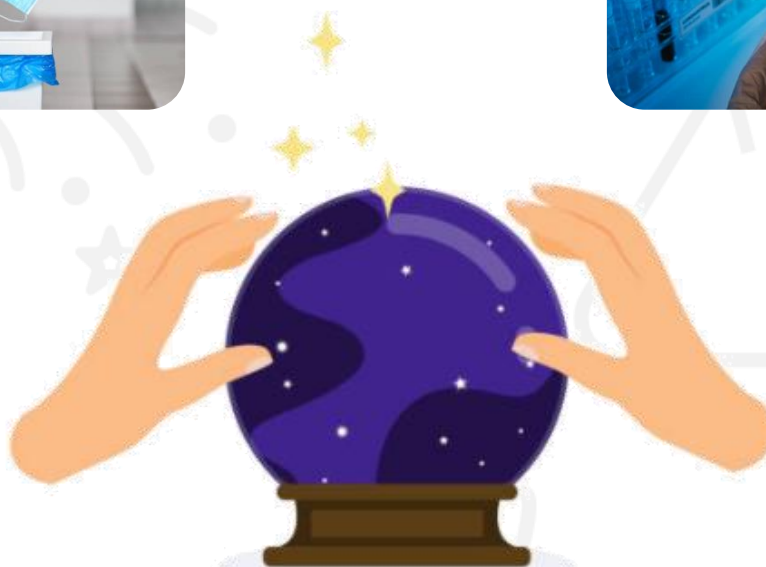


# Our learning journey for this week!





# A future prediction...



## Pair task (3-5 mins)

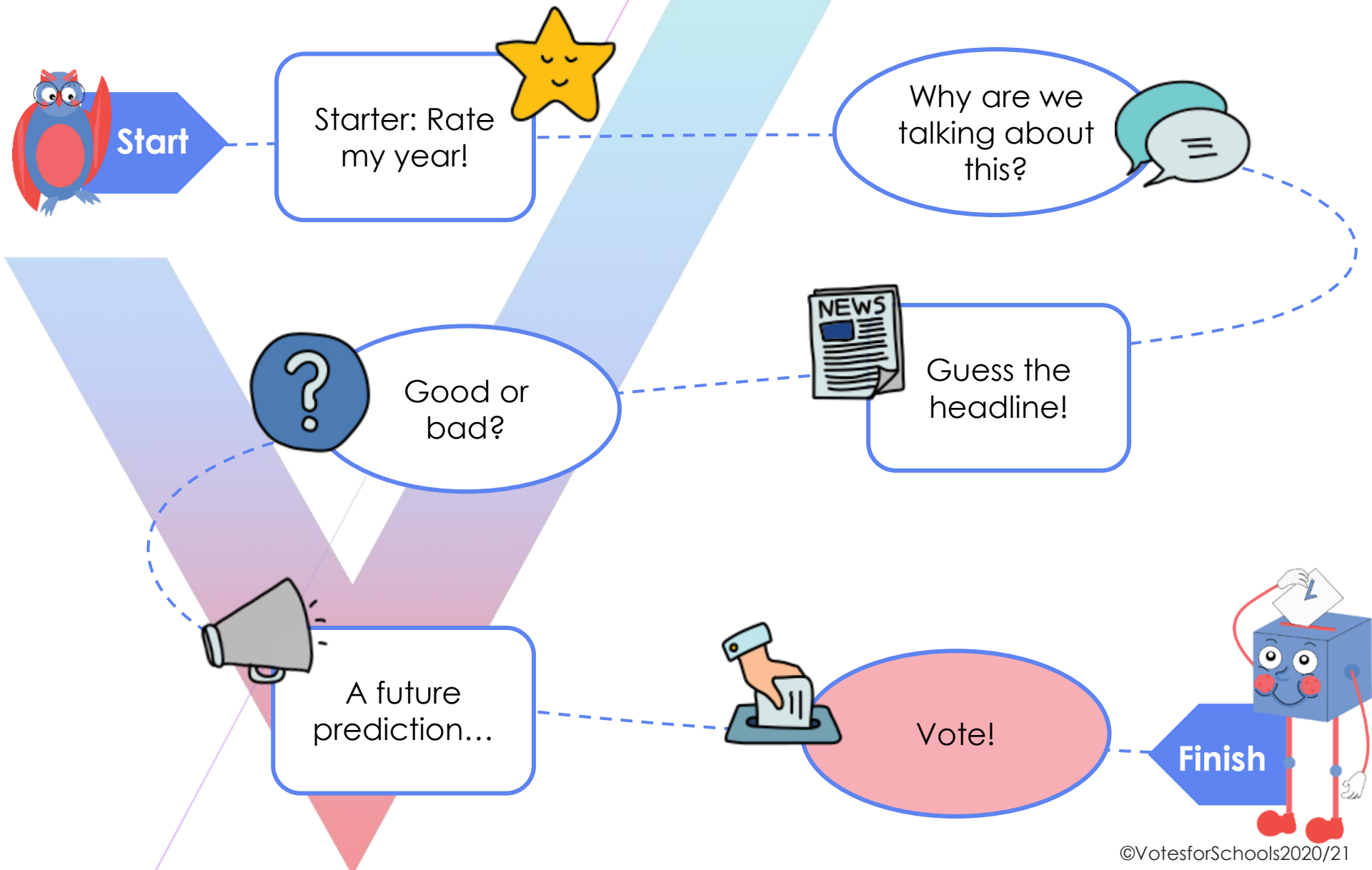
What do you think 2021 has in store for us? Make some predictions!

What do you **think** will happen in 2021?

What do you **hope** will happen in 2021?

Will it be **better or worse** than 2020? Why?

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# Call to Action!



## Quick idea

### Share the good news!

Is there a story today that you really liked, or hadn't heard of? Why not share this story with a friend or family member? That way, you'll be helping to make sure good news isn't overlooked, and they can pass it on!



## Big idea

### Be a journalist!

How is news shared in your school? If there isn't one already, how about setting up a Journalism Club? With a small team of people, you could create a school newspaper that shares all the good news that your school has!

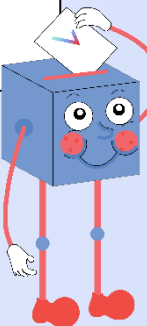


# Was good news overlooked in 2020?



Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There were many good news stories that I didn't know about in 2020.</li><li>• Even with the good news, Coronavirus was still the main thing we talked about, so the other news was overlooked.</li><li>• It was, but it always is, because we focus on the bad news more than the good.</li><li>• ...</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I knew about most of these stories, so it can't have been overlooked.</li><li>• We needed to talk about Coronavirus, but this doesn't mean that we forgot about all of the other news stories.</li><li>• We still celebrated the good news that happened in 2020, so I don't think it was overlooked.</li><li>• ...</li></ul>

We will be **sharing your thoughts on this topic** with **The Happy Newspaper, Positive News, BoredPanda, Good News Network** and **The Week**.





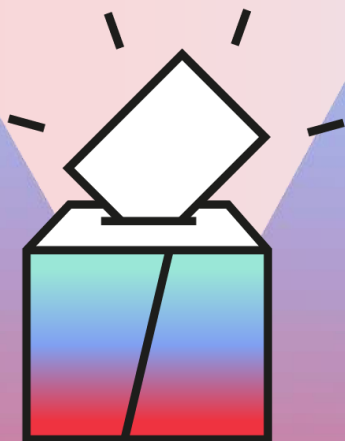


# Vote!



## In the classroom?

**Log your class's votes now at:**  
[www.votesforschools.com/login/teacher](https://www.votesforschools.com/login/teacher)



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Click the ballot box to see a video on how to log your votes!

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**Follow this link to vote:**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/vfs-primary-ks2-good-news>



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