

## JANUARY

**1** France takes over the rotating six-month presidency of the European Council

**2** **Eric Adams** is sworn in as the second Black mayor of New York City

**3** Libya is due to hold legislative elections, to help unify the country after years of conflict



## FEBRUARY



**4** Beijing hosts the **Winter Olympics**, the first city to stage both the Summer and Winter Games

**5** China marks the **Year of the Tiger**. People born in Tiger years are said to be passionate, daring and fearless

**6** **Queen Elizabeth** becomes the first British monarch to mark 70 years on the throne. Celebrations will take place in June



## MARCH

**7** A committee dominated by pro-Beijing voices will choose Hong Kong's next chief executive



**8** South Koreans cast their votes in presidential elections

**9** The 94th Academy Awards take place in Los Angeles

## APRIL



**10** French voters decide whether to give **Emanuel Macron** a second term at the Elysée during a two-round presidential election

**11** NASA's **SuperBIT**, the next-generation space telescope that rides above the clouds on a balloon, is due to launch

**12** World leaders meet in Kunming, China, for the second phase of the **COP15** biodiversity summit



## SEPTEMBER

**25** NASA's **DART** spacecraft is due to crash into a space rock to test technologies to prevent an asteroid from a potential doomsday collision with Earth

**26** China hosts the **BRICS** group of the world's leading emerging economies – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

**27** Voters in Sweden head to the polls to elect a new parliament

## OCTOBER

**28** General elections take place in Brazil

**29** The Chinese Communist Party holds its 20th National Party Congress, where **Xi Jinping** is expected to seek an unprecedented third term as president

**30** Egypt hosts **COP27**, picking up where **COP26** in Glasgow left off in trying to secure meaningful targets to halt global warming



## MAY

**13** A virtual concert by pop legends **Abba**, featuring digitized versions of the band members, debuts in London



**14** Philippine voters head to the polls to elect a successor to President **Rodrigo Duterte**

**15** Russia is scheduled to launch **Luna 25** – the country's first mission to the Moon's surface in 45 years

## JUNE

**16** **Matariki**, the Maori new year, becomes a public holiday in New Zealand



**17** **Glastonbury** – one of the world's largest music festivals – returns after a two-year break

**18** The U.S. Supreme Court is set to rule on the most important abortion case in a generation and perhaps overturn the 1973 ruling that legalized the procedure nationwide



## JULY

**19** The **UEFA Women's Euro 2022** tournament kicks off across England

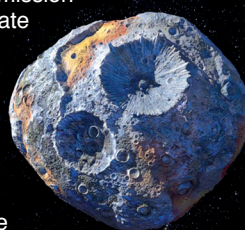


**20** The Tour de France rides into history with the inaugural **Tour de France Femmes**

**21** Germany starts returning its **Benin Bronzes**, looted from the Benin Kingdom during colonial times, to Nigeria

## AUGUST

**22** A NASA mission will investigate **Psyche**, a metal-rich asteroid that could contain \$10,000 quadrillion\* of iron alone



**23** Nuclear-armed rivals, India and Pakistan, mark 75 years of independence

**24** **Princess Diana** was killed in a car crash in Paris 25 years ago

## NOVEMBER

**31** U.S. mid-term elections see Democrats hoping to keep their narrow control of the Senate and the House

**32** The **FIFA World Cup** in Qatar is staged in winter to avoid the emirate's hot summer



**33** One year since Barbados became a republic, construction starts on a memorial to West African slaves, designed by renowned architect **David Adjaye**

## DECEMBER

**34** An animated movie based on the popular **Super Mario Bros** video game is released

**35** Ireland commemorates the centenary of the foundation of the **Irish Free State**

**36** China expects to have completed construction of its first permanent space station

