

# Primary 1 Learning Journey Term 1 - Miss McGahon, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Haymarch

## Interdisciplinary Topic

Our topic this term is 'Fresh Start' which is Health and Wellbeing based and incorporates aspects of Social Studies and RME. The main aim of this topic is to build a positive classroom ethos where children learn about children's rights, how to make sensible choices, build good relationships and be able to talk about their emotions. We will be exploring digital media and watching clips from the Pixar film 'Inside Out'. This will be a perfect topic to start Primary One, providing children with plenty of opportunities to talk about themselves, get to know each other and the teachers. **Article 28**

## Science

In science, we will be learning about our 5 senses. We'll have fun doing lots of different activities that help us explore and recognise our senses: identifying different noises, recognising smells, feely boxes and tasting different foods etc. **Article 24**

## RME

Alloway Primary is a **Rights Respecting School** putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of our practice. P1 children will help create their Class Charter and playground code with links to the articles. We will also focus on Christianity through the story of Harvest. **Articles 14 & 30**

## Health and Wellbeing

In **PE** we have two, one hour sessions. Our focus will be games and we will be working on moving safely around the gym hall. Please ensure that your child has a gym kit with shorts, t-shirt/polo shirt and gym shoes. **PE Days for both Primary 1 classes: Monday and Friday**

Through our Fresh Start topic, we will be encouraging children to express their feelings and develop the ability to talk about them. **Article 31**

## Numeracy and Mathematics

In Numeracy and Maths, we are learning how to recognise, count and write our numbers to 10 through the context of 'Number Zoo'. In mental maths, children will use the resource Little Big Maths. This will involve daily progress drives which will develop their mental maths skills. We will be playing lots of active numeracy games to support your child's learning. In Maths, our focus will be symmetry, pattern and shape which we will explore through different media including print making, crafts and games. **Article 29**



## Music

P1 will be singing songs in circle time in music to build up a repertoire of familiar songs. They will be using hand signals during singing exercises (do, re, mi, fa, so, la ti, do) for pitch and enjoying action games and songs. P1 will be listening to a range of music and have fun finding the pulse and improvising rhythms with a variety of music using the egg shakers, bells, movement and drum sticks.

## Literacy

In Literacy and English, we are focusing on learning our Jolly Phonics sounds. We are recognising, writing and blending them. In reading, we are sharing picture book stories and discussing the characters from Oxford Reading Tree. There will be a focus on listening and talking skills this term. Children will be encouraged to retell stories detailing the beginning, middle and end. We will also be using a range of Big Books as a context for alliteration and rhyme.

In Writing, children will begin to develop their VCOP skills through discussion of their stories. They will be asked to draw detailed pictures and retell their stories to an adult using the language of VCOP. The adult will then scribe their story for them to overwrite/underwrite. Children will also be encouraged to 'have a go' at writing using any sounds, scribbles etc to create their own pieces of work.

## **Article 13**

