



## Rights Respecting School Award

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This week's Article focusses:

- Article 10 (family reunification) - Governments must act quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents want to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit both of them.
- Article 22 (refugee children) - If a child is a refugee or is seeking refuge, governments must make sure that they have the same rights as any other child. Governments must help in trying to reunite child refugees with their parents.

This week, the children were introduced to UNICEF's 'OutRight' campaign, which the school is going to be supporting. OutRight is a campaign for children, by children that helps them to promote and protect children's rights in the UK and around the world. This year, OutRight is focused on the rights of refugee children – especially their right to protection and their right to be with family. The campaign empowers children and young people to speak out and share their views on the refugee crisis. Children taking part in OutRight 2017 will:

- Develop their knowledge and understanding of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Learn about the impact of the refugee crisis on children's right to protection and right to family reunification, through activities that encourage empathy and understanding
- Express their views on children's rights to their local community and to their local MP.

In lessons the children will be exploring the story of Paddington bear, who is a refugee himself, to encourage them to empathise with and understand the impact of the refugee crisis on child refugees around the world.

Questions to ask your child:

- What happened to Paddington bear? Why did he have to leave his home?
- How did he travel to London?
- How do you think he felt when he arrived in London? Why do you think this?