







# Coverage Spring 1 2024



Week	News Story	Focus Question	British Value Link	Protected Characteristics	UN Article
8 <sup>th</sup> January	10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers.	Are emojis an important part of communication?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
15 <sup>th</sup> January	A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet.	Is an e-reader better than a book?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted.	Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?	Rule of Law	Disability	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
29 <sup>th</sup> January	A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week.	Is fashion important?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
5 <sup>th</sup> February	45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome.	What makes someone inspirational?	Democracy	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements.	Should we learn sign language at school?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION