**All Are Welcome – Art Activity**

**You will need**

**Large pieces of paper**

**Art materials – felt tips, crayons, paint, chalk, gluing and sticking materials.**

This activity explores ways to share and understand different opinions, wants and needs in in a mixed group.

Divide the children into four groups, deliberately putting children together with children who they do not normally work with. Tell them that the rule is that everyone is welcome in their group, so they need to shake hands with each other.

Remind the children of the school in the story where everyone was welcome and allowed to have their say. Tell the children that they are going to design and make something and that they need to find ways of including everyone in their group. Tell them that this will test their skill at listening to one another and working together, even if their ideas and plans are different.

Ask the children: What could be helpful if you and your friend/s didn’t want to do the same thing or had a disagreement?

Give the children the following instruction:

**I want you to create an imaginary ‘space world’ for you to explore with your friends. You can draw, paint, and/ or cut and paste. Your art can be flat, pop out with attached parts, or be hung to make a mobile.**

Give the children the following advice as they progress through the activity:

1. Make the background for your space world using paper or even a recycled box. Are there galaxies with stars, swirls and dust, or far away planets?
2. Straws can be used to blow paint or cotton buds to dot stars.
3. Draw, paint or cut and paste an imagined planet or two onto the background. If you are working well together, then it could be fun to swap your outline with someone else to fill in and add to.
4. Top tip! If there is any difficulty or disagreement with deciding where to place the planets, it can be helpful to find a spot for it with your eyes closed.

Allow enough time to share the children’s creations

**End of project reflection**

Why do you think I picked this activity to follow our reading of the book All Are Welcome?

What is important to you in a team when you are working with others?

What will you remember most from your imagined journey in space with your friend/s? Did you learn anything new from others in the group? Did they learn anything from you?