



Knowledge Organiser

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

Able to demonstrate what I have read, talking about characters, events and settings and answer a range of questions about the text.

Recognise that texts and books are structured in different ways and discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. I can understand and explain the meaning of words in context.

Able to understand what I have read by asking questions, retrieving and recording facts, drawing inferences and identifying how language and structure contribute to meaning.

Star vocabulary

Immigrant: a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.

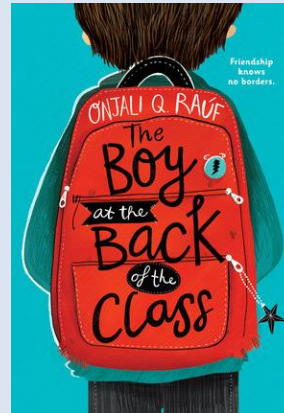
Asylum Seeker: when a government accepts that your home country is unable or unwilling to ensure your protection and allows you to remain in their country temporarily.

Refugee: a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

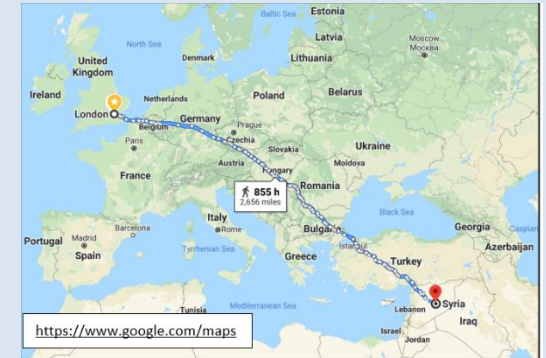
Carer: a family member or paid helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly, or disabled person.

Genre: Fiction

Waterstones says, 'Told with humour and tenderness, it is an unforgettable story of hope, curiosity and the importance of kindness.'



The book is set in London where the main character, Ahmet, moves to after fleeing from Syria.



Key characters

Ahmet: Main character. Nine -year-old boy who joins Mrs Khan's class after fleeing from Syria as a refugee.

Mrs Khan: Their class teacher.

Alexa: Narrator. One of Mrs Khan's pupils who befriends Ahmet.

Tom, Josie and Michael: Alexa's friendship group.

Author- Onjali Q Rauf



Onjali Q Rauf is a bestselling children's author and human rights activist. The award winning story 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' is based upon her own experience of helping refugee families surviving in Calais and Dunkirk and it is inspired by a Syrian mother and baby she encountered in a Calais refugee camp.

Context

The Syrian refugee crisis is the result of the Syrian civil war that began March 15th, 2011.

This is the story about how a nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class).