

## Rachel's Story - Year 2

Year 2 have based all their literacy this week on Refugee Week. We've looked at photos, sentence scenarios and a special text called "Rachel's Story". These are some of the thoughts and reactions shared by Year 2.

"I feel bad for the kids who lost their mums and dads" Ruben M

"Why did this all happen!" Kieran D

"I feel sad because people have to leave their homes". Billy J

"If I was a refugee I would pack food and water for the journey" Harry F

"I would pack some blankets and pillows" - Rose J

"I think Rachel would have been shocked when she had to leave her home" Jamie.

"I hope that all the refugees get to a new country safely." Elliott A

"I feel sad for the people who didn't make it." Freya-Leigh H

## Letters from Year 3

Dear Friends,

My Name is Hassan. Sorry I can't talk to you at the moment but I'm hoping some day I will be able to. I have written this letter with help, to tell you all about my life in Somalia and why I moved here.

In Somalia, it was very different as we only ate meat and rice and so it was so colourful. In our village the deep blue sky one day turned a murky purple and soldiers were all over killing my uncle.

*Maisy's story continued, Y3*

The noise of screams and smell of war were so strong. My mother and father shouted that we had to leave.

My boat journey was exciting, until we got off. Me and my family had to stay in a refugee camp, until our plane finally came.

To read more of the stories from Y3, go to the school website Refugee Week page at

[www.pudseysouthroyd.leeds.sch.uk/global](http://www.pudseysouthroyd.leeds.sch.uk/global)

## Year 5 - Malala Yousufzai Fund

In Year 5 we have learnt about refugees for the whole half term. Since it is refugee week, learning about refugees has become a lot more important. We have learnt about a very inspiring refugee, Malala. We read Malala's interesting story which was surprising and emotional. We made leaflets to support the Malala Fund, a fund that helps girls get education.

We watched a video about a normal girl, just like us who became a refugee and her life changed really quickly.

We also had an amazing workshop with Nola Ellen, who made us think more about what it would be like to be a refugee. Did you know that England only takes 1% of world refugees?

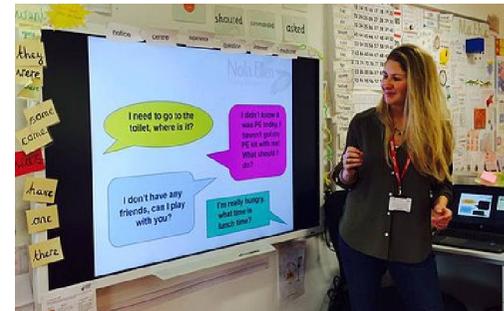
By Lily and Victoria

# SOUTHROYD SPECTACULAR REFUGEE WEEK June 19th-23rd 2017

## Refugee Week in Southroyd

This week we have worked really hard as a school to take part in Refugee Week. This is an international event which aims to teach people more about the lives of refugees and makes us think about what it would feel like to be forced to leave your own country and home!

We shared assemblies to find out more about the meaning and history of refugees and migration.



We invited a guest speaker, Nola Ellen, who has 15 years of experience working within refugee camps and education, to run work shops and an assembly in school.



## Year 1 Refugee Camp

In Year 1 we have been reading and discussing real refugee stories. We thought about how the children in these stories must have felt and explored through drama what we would have liked to say or do to help them. We attempted to build our own shelters in the school woodland, struggling against the wind! It made us realise how difficult it must be for families living in refugee camps. Our teachers have praised the empathy, kindness and maturity we've shown this week.

## Refugee Week Year 6

This week it was Refugee Week. In English we have written about what it would be like to escape a war torn city. In maths, we calculated the amount of money a refugee would receive per day (£5.28) and what percentage of people in countries were refugees.

We also had a discussion about refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and our views on them. We realised that one of us was a migrant in class and this challenged some of the thoughts some people hold of migrants and refugees.

We agreed that everyone is human, so should all be treated equally.

## Year 4

This week we looked at a picture of a woman covered in words. Once we described it, we read *The Matchbox Diary*, which was about a great grandad telling the story of his life. He collected things in matchboxes as he couldn't read or write. We discussed what we would put in our own matchboxes. We then had a discussion about what refugees are. We looked at famous refugees such as Mo Farrah, Anne Frank, Rita Ora and Albert Einstein.

We looked at a different picture of the day and discussed what we thought it must have been like for the people in the picture. We then read a book called *The Little Refugee*, it was a real story about a real boy's life, Anh. There was a war in Vietnam, his family escaped by buying a fishing boat. It had to squeeze 40 people on it! We created a feeling graph for Anh on different parts of the story.

Next we looked at a picture of the refugee camps. Once we had discussed this we were split into groups to do den building and imagine what it would have been like for the refugees.



## School Council

School and class council spent the week discussing the key questions: What would you feel like if you had to leave your home and country suddenly? What would you take with you? The children shared some extremely thoughtful answers, which helped them come up with a list of how we should support refugees if they ever need to come to join us at Southroyd.

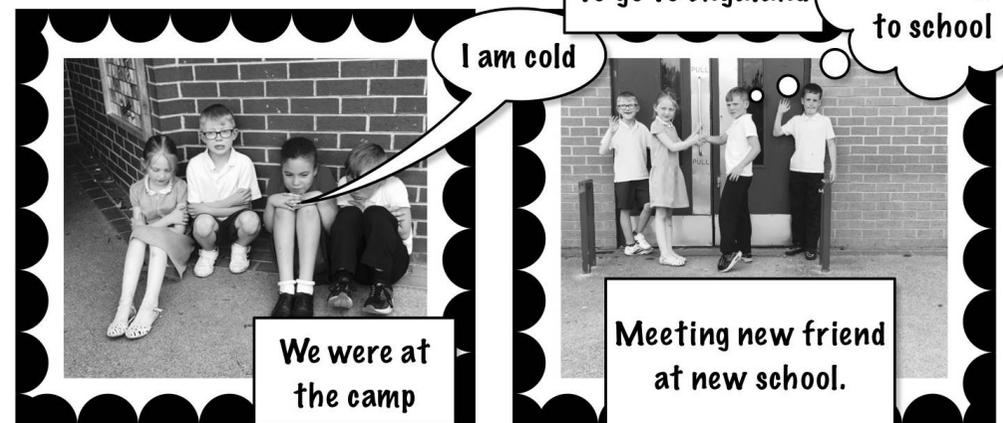
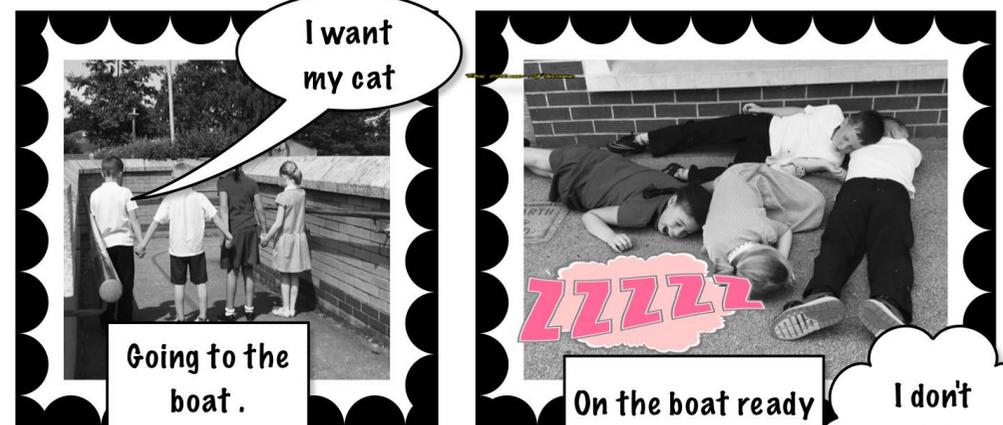
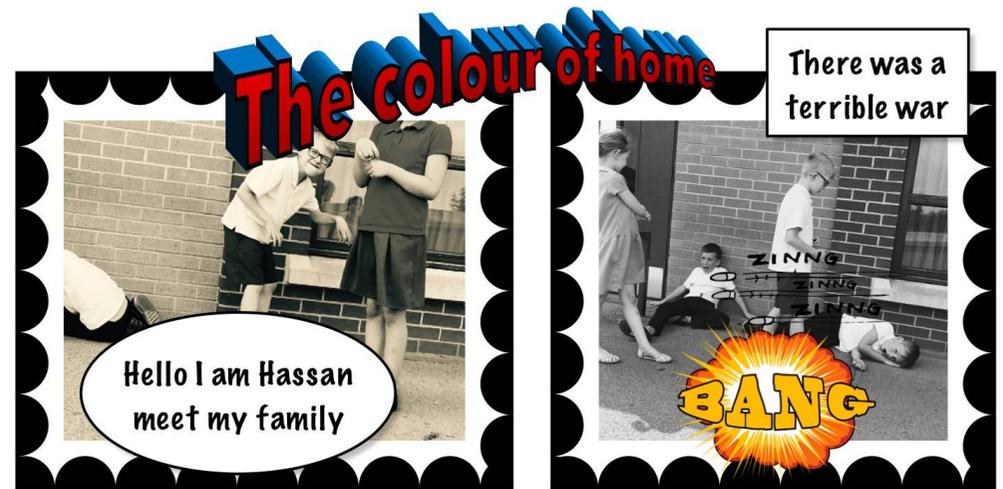
The key phrase, "we would want to treat everyone the same as we would like to be treated ourselves", summed up the School Council discussions.



## Y3 - The Colour of Home

This week we were visited by Nola Ellen a refugee worker. She explained to us that safety is the most important thing to a refugee who often leaves a very unsafe place. She taught us that Paddington Bear is a refugee, as are Rita Ora, Anne Frank, Albert Einstein and more. We read stories, like "The Colour of Money" and acted them out to make a comic strip like in this newsletter opposite. Nola showed a film you can find from the hearts and hopes website about a boy called Hamid. It taught us a lot about what it's like to become a refugee.

by Lillie-Mae and Seb, Y3



Year 3 made this cartoon strip about their Refugee story.

