Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary is a charity that offers a place of safety for refugees.

Just as you are being welcomed to a new school or a new class, we want to make sure refugees and asylum seekers are welcome to our schools and communities across Calderdale.

Can you put your thumb up if….

- ….someone in your family, a friend or neighbour has come from another country.
- ….someone in your family, a friend or neighbour lives in another country.
- …you have moved home – to or from another country yourself

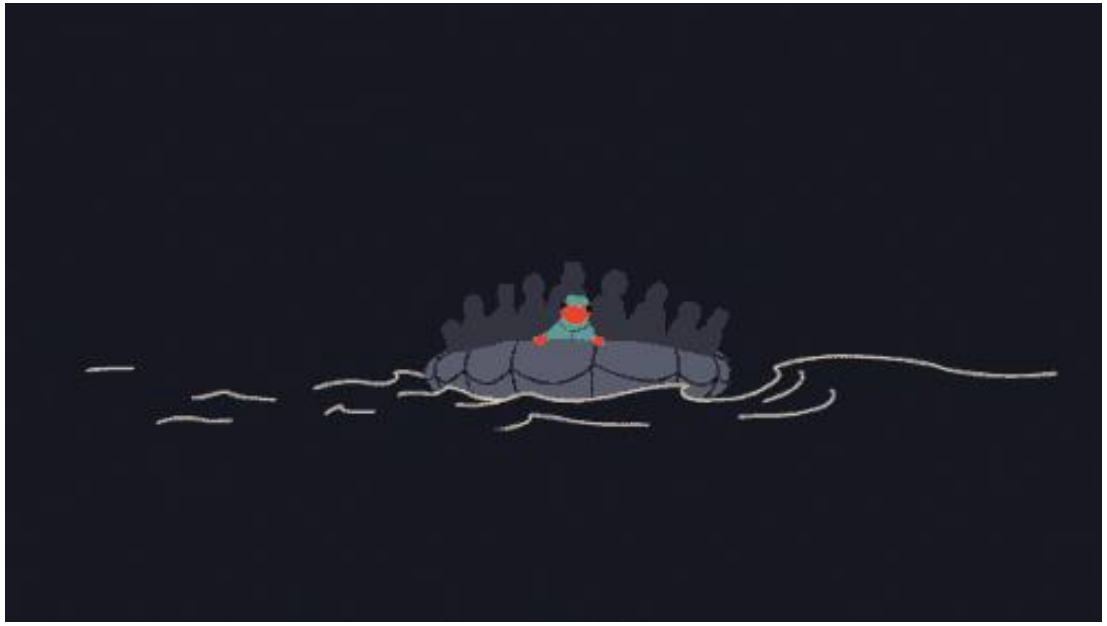
Today we are going to think about welcoming refugees and asylum seekers

What is a refugee?

What is an asylum seeker?

A **refugee** is a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.
A refugee is someone who has got permission to stay in another country because, if they return to their home country, they will be in great danger

An **asylum seeker** is someone who has asked to be allowed to stay in another country because they have had to flee from danger in their own country.

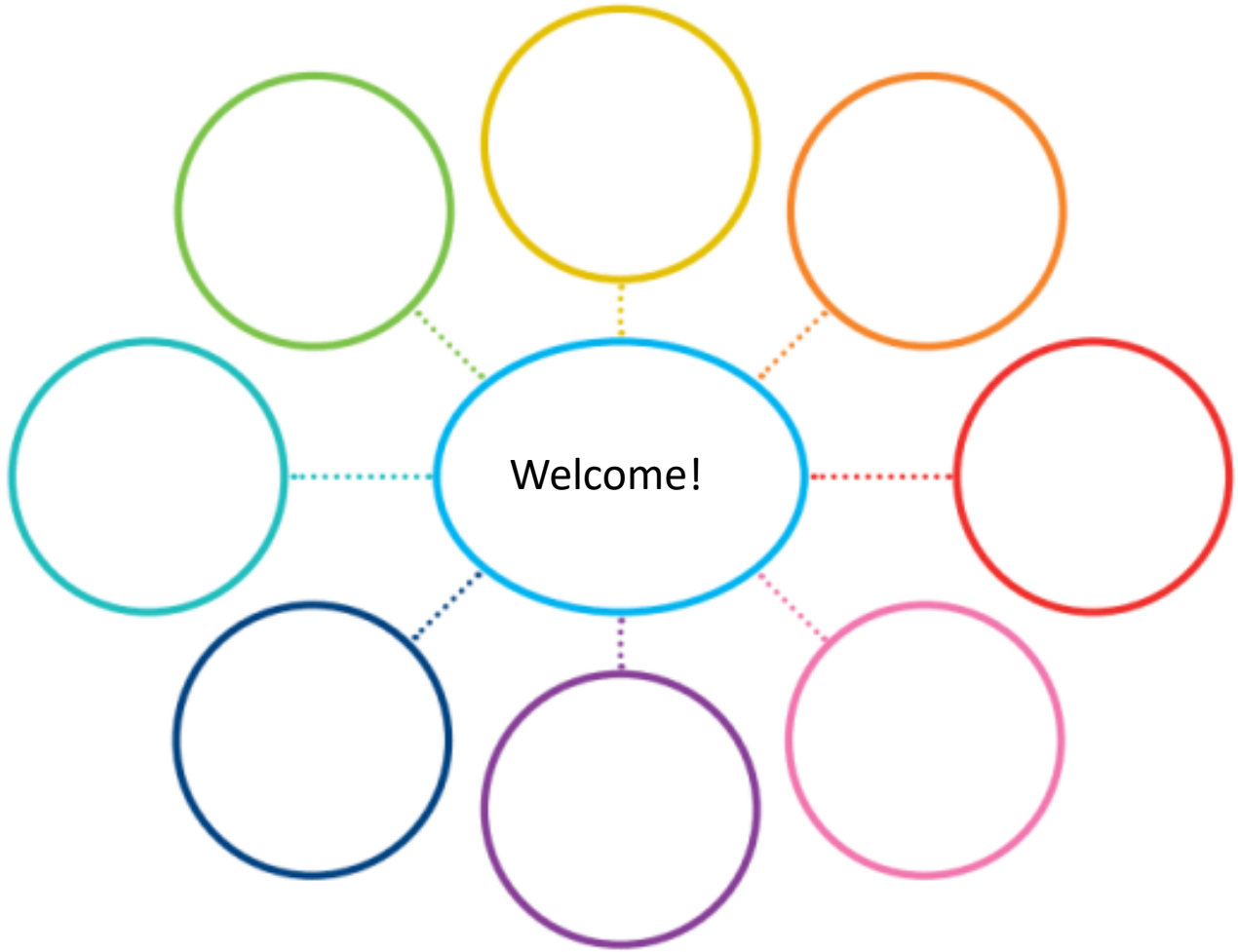


Refugees and asylum seekers are people who have been forced to leave their homes and their county (and often their families too). They cannot take much with them.

Imagine what belongings you would take if you had to grab a bag and leave home at very short notice.

Watch this link of a seven year old Syrian girl describing her journey to Greece

Try and remember when you were at a new school and what made you feel welcome


Welcome!

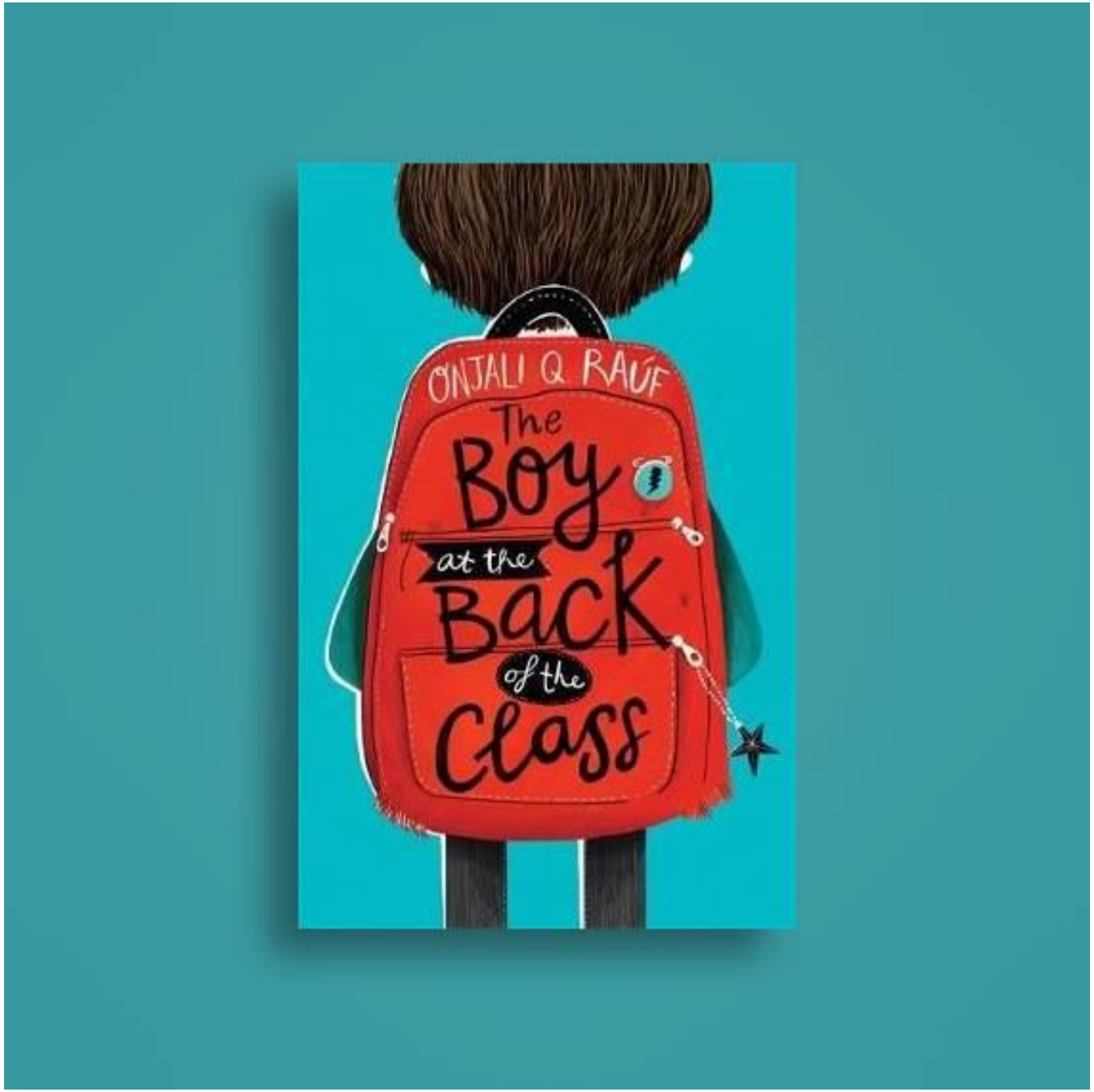
belonging
Feeling safe
identity
feeling included
Welcome!
friendship
Being understood
feeling accepted
Feeling secure

Now we would like you to show that you welcome refugees and asylum seekers

- Draw a picture or a poster (using some of the ‘Welcome’ words you thought of.
- Write a personal or class poem of welcome
- Or make your own creative contribution

We will be making a digital book with all the creative work from pupils across Calderdale schools.

WELCOME
Friendship
Peace
WELCOME
Welcome
Welcome!
Arabic



You could also…

- **Read a story about a refugee.**

The Boy At the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

- **Become a supporter of Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary**
- **Help your school to become a School of Sanctuary**