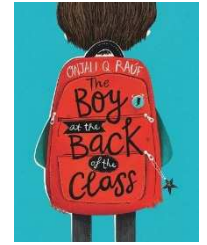


Week 11 Day 1 – Reading – Language

This week, we will continue to focus on our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf. Make sure to reread the previous pages if you can't remember what is happening.



- 1) Read the next part of the story.
- 2) Find two synonyms for each underlined word. *Remember a synonym is a different word that has the same meaning.*

Sometimes I think everyone likes to believe a lie even when they know it's a lie because it's more exciting than the truth. And they especially like to believe it if it's printed in a newspaper. I know that now. I also know why Mum says politicians are liars and always shouts at them whenever they come on the telly. Maybe Jennie will be a politician when she grows up.

When we got closer, we heard Jennie telling everyone that the new boy had spent all his break-times with Mrs Sanders because he had done something bad in his old school, and was too dangerous to be let out into the playground with us. But I didn't believe her; I could tell Michael didn't believe her either, because he asked her how she knew so much about it. Jennie got angry and crossed her heart and hoped to die that she had heard Mr Owen talking to Mrs Timms outside the teachers' staff room, and that both of them had said how sorry they felt for Mrs Khan and how glad they were that the new boy wasn't in their class because it wasn't going to be easy to deal with. But before we could ask her any more questions, Jennie's dad began to beep at her from his car, so she ran off.

We all watched her go and then looked back through

the school gates to see if the new boy had come out. But we couldn't see him anywhere.

'He's probably left already,' said Josie.

Tom and Michael nodded. 'Let's just wait two more minutes,' I said, hoping that he would still be inside. And I was glad I did, because a few seconds later, the new boy came out into the playground. He was holding Mrs Khan's hand and staring at the ground. A woman who was waiting by the outdoor benches suddenly shouted, 'Cooo-cccc!' and ran over to them. She was wearing a long brown coat, a woolly hat and a bright red scarf. She stood and talked to Mrs Khan for a long time and nodded an awful lot, but we couldn't hear anything because we were standing too far away.

'I wonder if that's his mum,' said Josie. I didn't think so because the new boy didn't hug her at all, and seemed shy around her too.

'Come on,' said Michael. He was pointing to his watch which was beeping like a submarine. Michael has a special watch that tells him when the next bus is coming. It's meant to help him get to places on time, but I've only ever seen it make him bump into things more quickly.

- 3) Once you have completed it, you can email your work: dh.y4+homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk