

ENGLISH: Year 7 Spring Half Term 1 – The Bone Sparrow

What are we learning about?

In this topic, we will be learning about Subhi's experiences as a refugee in an Australian detention centre.

We will also be learning about how writers raise awareness of sensitive issues to promote social change, in this case rights for refugees.



Why are we learning about it?

We are learning about The Bone Sparrow because it is a novel that beautifully captures the art of story telling. Through reading about other cultures and places, we learn about issues that may not directly affect us, but show us how other people must live because of war and conflict. We must be **positive role models** and advocate that every individual deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

New knowledge will include learning about detention centres and immigration systems. This will also include learning about different cultures and their experiences in the world., including the Rohingya community.



How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

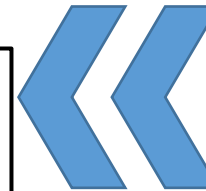
This unit builds on the reading and writing skills that you have been developing through Lion and Autobiographies.

You will continue to read critically and respond to texts using evidence to support your ideas.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

You will develop the new skill of reading with a focus on contextual factors. It is important to understand how historical and social events can be the catalyst for novels and poems to be written.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of understanding and empathising with other people's experiences, particularly from different cultures. This also builds on your knowledge of human rights and British values from your RAS lessons.