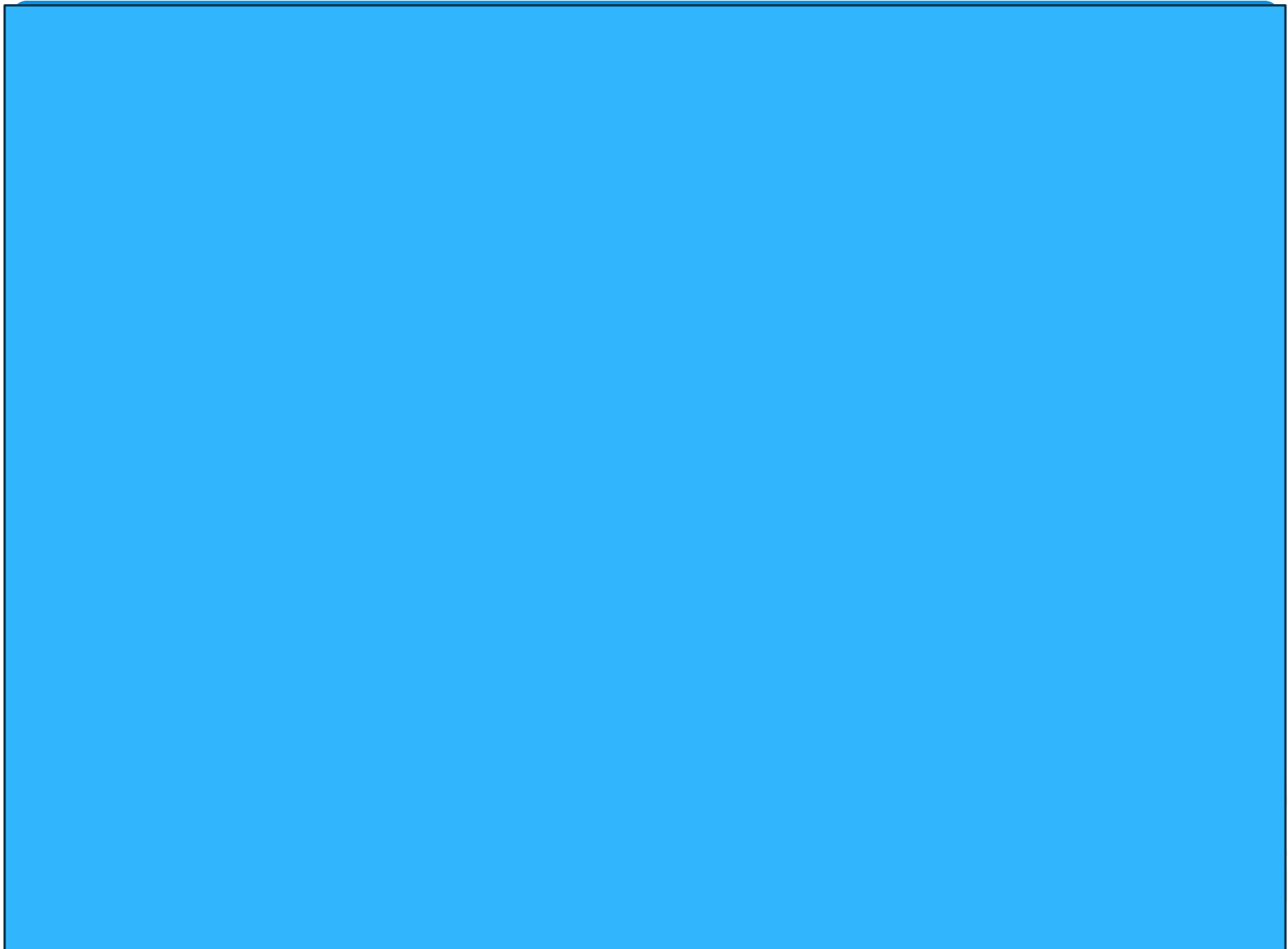






Do you
recognise
any of these
people?



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This is Anne Frank (1929–1945).

She was born in Germany and was a young Jewish girl who wrote a famous diary during World War II. She and her family hid for over two years in a secret space in Amsterdam to escape the Nazis. Today, her diary is read all over the world and helps us remember the importance of kindness and bravery.



Bob Marley (1945-1981).

He was a Jamaican singer and composer. His songs made the reggae style of music popular around the world.



Jackie Chan (1954) is a world-famous martial artist, actor, and stuntman from Hong Kong.

Children best know him as the voice of Master Shifu in the *Kung Fu Panda* movies or the wise teacher Mr. Han in *The Karate Kid*. He is famous for performing his own amazing stunts. He is now 72 years old.



Rita Ora (1990) is a British pop singer, songwriter, and TV star .

You might recognise her as the Queen of Hearts from the hit Disney+ movie *Descendants: The Rise of Red*. She is 35 years old.





What do
they all have
in common?



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They are all
Refugees.



Who are refugees?

Refugees are ordinary people who live through extraordinary times

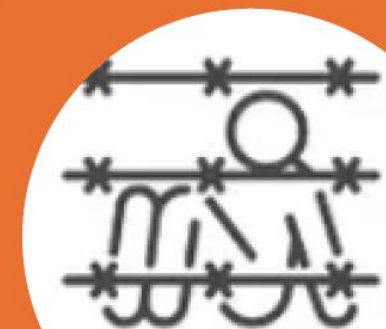
They are people forced to leave their country to flee danger and who cannot return or be returned to their homeland.



There are many reasons that someone might need to leave their community and find safety in another country, including:

- war or conflict
- persecution

Persecution is when someone is treated badly again and again just for being who they are.



It is a sad fact that in our world, there are difficulties such as war and persecution. People suffer, and sometimes, to save their lives, they need to leave the place that they call home and seek shelter elsewhere.



Refugees are people who would be at risk if they returned to their home country.

They are people whose claim for escaping danger has been accepted and are now legally entitled to find safety and protection in a different country.

Anne Frank and her family were Jewish refugees who fled Nazi Germany. The family relocated from Frankfurt, Germany, to Amsterdam, Netherlands, to seek safety.



Bob Marley fled from Jamaica to London following his family being threatened.

Jackie Chan's parents fled mainland China to Hong Kong in the 1940s to escape the chaos, confusion and persecution during the Chinese Civil War. He then also fled to the USA later as an adult.



Rita Ora came to the UK from Kosovo (formerly in Yugoslavia) as a baby. Her family needed to leave Kosovo due to the persecution of people because of their culture and heritage.

What does it feel like to be a refugee?

Let's watch a short animation/video clip about a young man called Habib from Afghanistan, who talks about what life was like being a refugee living in the Midlands

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WdprHcOuJU



Celebrating Refugee Week 2026

15th – 21st June

Every year, in June, Refugee Week helps to highlight the **experience of refugees.**

It takes place across the world and helps us to gain a better understanding of refugees' experiences.

Refugee Week also helps us to appreciate the ways in which refugees have **contributed positively to their country of refuge** where they have sought safety.

Refugee Week 2026 focuses on coming together, sharing the courage to welcome, to stand for what we believe in, and to celebrate culture, community and to connect.

Remembering that we are aiming to show that we are a 'School of Sanctuary.'



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The world's largest arts and culture festival
celebrating the creativity, contributions and
resilience of refugees.

Discover what's on and take part –
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For refugees around the world,
courage is often needed every day.
It is the courage to face unknown
journeys, learn new languages,
work out something unfamiliar or
simply to wake up each morning
and step into an uncertain world.

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Refugee Week 2026 at Henley Green



Have a Courageous Conversation



Watch a Film Together



Share Food & Stories



Walk & Talk



Read a Book



Get Drawing & Painting



Let Nature Inspire You



Move Together



Join the Movement

Refugee Week Simple Acts 2026

Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

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- Nine Simple Acts – illustrated by Quentin Blake
- Sharing stories/poems in class and finding out more
- Taking part in Language and Culture Day
- Taking part in Art Diversity Day focusing on Art from different refugee countries linked to our school community