

Knowledge Organiser

Year Group	Subject	Topic
4	English	Planet Omar – Zanib Mian

The Big Picture

PLANET OMAR is an exciting story about a Muslim boy with an amazing imagination! Welcome to the imaginative brain of Omar!

Omar and his family have just moved and he is not happy about starting at a new school. But when Omar makes a new best friend, things start looking up. That is until a bully ...

Fiction (& non) are vital part of children's reading experience as it opens up new worlds for children, introducing them to ideas that will broaden their horizons and help them make sense of the world. Reading also introduces children to lots of new words. Some of this will be technical language linked to the subject they're reading about.

Being a reader is one of the most important things we can do for our future success as and the benefits that children get from reading are well known.

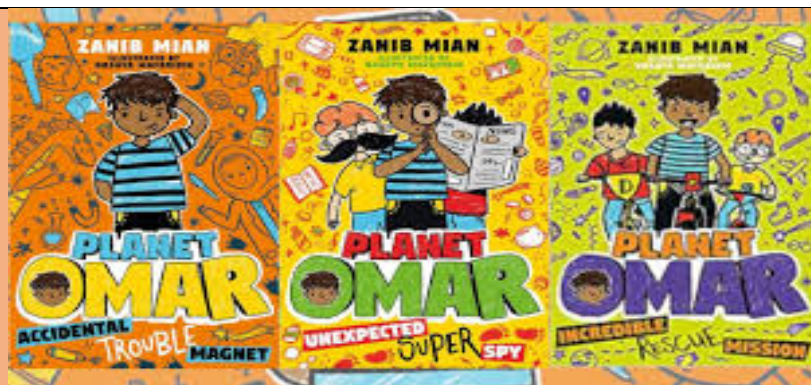
PLANET OMAR is a fun engaging book exploring a range of 'difficult' issues such as bullying, moving school, relationship dynamics and conflict. This book provides a safe context for exploring these themes, allowing for critical discussion of the characters and their motives.

Don't ever run away from your problems. Chase after them like a crazy person till they're too afraid to come near you again.

-Zanib Mian

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Enquiry Questions

- **Questions that tell us about other cultures, times and places. What makes this writer special and how does their writing compare with that of others?** What time is this story set in? In what places does this story take place?
- **Questions that help us explain how writers use words and how particular words and phrases make a text more powerful.** Which words tell you how the character spoke? Which words/phrases create suspense here?
- **Questions where we need to select and retrieve information from texts.** What happened before/after/when ...? How are ... same/different?
- **Questions where we find and talk about how books and stories are organised.** Were you surprised by the ending? Why? What type of text is this?
- **Questions about why the writer has written the text, what the writer thinks and what we think about a text.** What did you like/dislike about this type of book? Do you know any other stories that have a character/theme like this one?

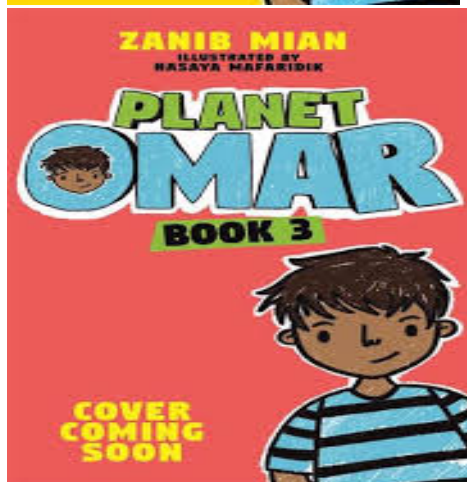
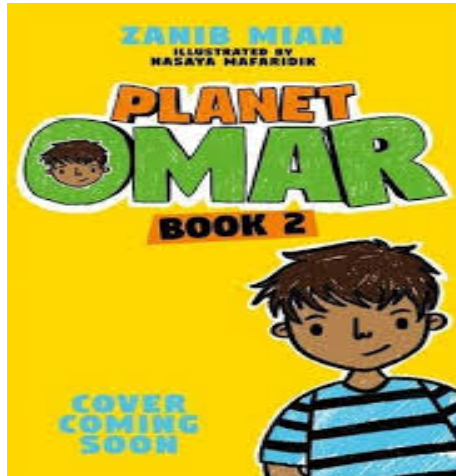
Key Skills

Analysis	Using images to make predictions about what will happen next in a story. Looking at sentence structure and language used by the author to help provide clues about character.
Correct Layout	Using paragraphs correctly when writing an extended piece of work.
Formal Writing	To use standard English instead of slang or informal language.
Inference	To be able to “read between the lines” of the story.
Reasoning	To be able to justify opinions about the story using evidence from the text.
Sentence Structure	To be able to use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation. To be able to write using the correct tense.

Key Vocabulary	
Adjectives	Words used to describe a character or object.
Adverbs	Words used to describe an action.
Character	The people whom the story is about.
Edit	Make changes to your story in order to improve it.
Grammar	The way words can be used to structure a sentence correctly.
Main Clause	A clause that forms a complete sentence on its own.
Metaphor	A figure of speech that makes one object take the place of another that it is being compared to.
Mystery	A genre of writing that is exciting and full of suspense.
Personification	When an inanimate object is given human characteristics.
Prediction	Guessing the outcome of the story using evidence from the text.
Punctuation	Symbols used to make a sentence grammatically correct e.g full stops and commas.
Relative Clause	A specific type of subordinate clause that adapts, describes or modifies a noun.
Rhetorical Question	A question that doesn't require an answer but prompts the reader to think about the situation.
Setting	Where a story is based.
Similes	A figure of speech that compares one object with another.

Upleveling vocabulary	To be able to improve the words used to describe and explain in the story.
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Subordinate Clause	A clause that doesn't make sense on its own.
Suspense	A state of excitement or anxiety about what might happen.
Visual Literature	A book that uses pictures to tell a story.



Resources	
Thesaurus	A book of reference which provides alternative words.
Dictionary	A book of reference used to check spellings.
Word Mat	A glossary of words given to each child to help them with description or sentence structure.
Brainstorming	An activity led by the class teacher to collect ideas from the entire class.
Videos	A free resource for educators and parents / carers

