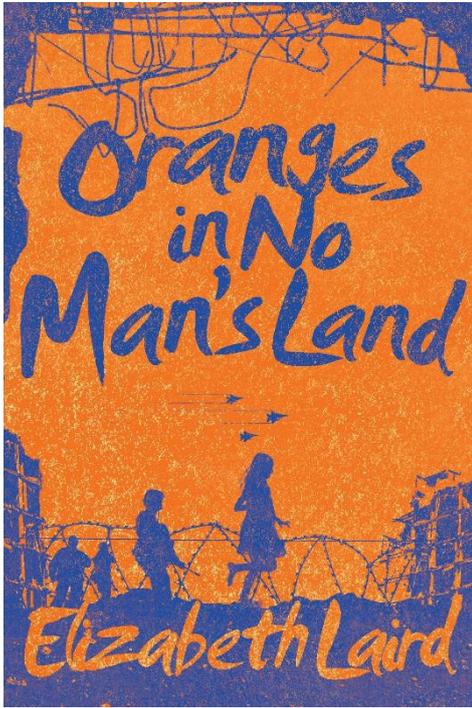


Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support this term. It has not been easy and we could not have done it without you. Next term, Year 5 will be reading 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird.



This is what is says on the back of the book,

'This was my last chance. I slipped under the chain and bolted, running into no man's land as fast as my flip-flops would let me.'

Ayesha lives in a battle-scarred building with her granny and her little brothers. Outside, a war is tearing the city apart - but Ayesha doesn't know why the two sides are fighting.

Life gets even scarier when Granny falls ill, and Ayesha has no choice but bravely to embark on the dangerous journey across no man's land for medicine. Will she be able to find a doctor and make it back before it's too late.

It is a gripping story of a girl risking death to make a lifesaving dash through wartorn Beirut. *Oranges in No Man's Land* tells the riveting story of ten-year-old Ayesha's terrifying journey across *no man's land* to reach a doctor in hostile territory in search of medicine for her dying grandmother.

If possible, it would be really helpful for your child to have this book to read in class during this half-term.

Please find attached at the back of this letter a word mat with some of the words we may use next term.

Some useful links for these skills can be found on BBC Bitesize:

Exploring different types of poetry

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqc3n9q>

Subordinating conjunctions:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zqk37p3>

How to use commas in sentences

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zc773k7>

How to use a semi colon

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zshfdxs>

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team

Here are some words that we might use in the book. See if you can find the meaning to words that you don't know.



Orange in No Man's Land Word Mat

Beirut	refugee	manage	chandelier	infested
Lebanon	Lebanese	anxiously	mattress	squealing
Israel	Israeli	hobbling	huddled	pestering
checkpoint	camouflage	muddled	tattered	strewn
shelter	billow	desperate	shack	militia
crammed	political	hopeless	distant	slung
destruction	disapproving	gaping	fatigues	glinted
crump	bustling	elaborate	ferocious	plunge

The story is set in the Middle East in a country called Lebanon, in the city of Beirut. Can you find Lebanon on the map? Which countries is it next to? Can you find Beirut on the map?

