

# Stepney Park Voice

## Mersea

**Written by Maryam & Elizah 6 Oak**

Mersea is a residential that Year 5 will go on. It is an amazing once in a lifetime experience. Some of the activities we did were :

- Go karting
  - Giant Swing
  - Rock climbing
  - Caving
  - Obstacle course
  - Archery
- and more!

You should definitely come to Mersea residential because apart from the activities we went to the beach in the evenings, slept in tents and even had hot chocolate!

Top tips:

Make sure you bring a torch because in the night it is very dark.

Make sure you bring a thick coat and we suggest you should take a thick blanket as it becomes very cold in the tents at night.



# Highlights of Mersea



Mersea 2024 was really fun as we had many activities and some delicious hot chocolate. Some of the activities were a big swing, rock climbing, caving and archery. Obviously there were many more amazing activities. Many children's favourite activity was the big swing where we used a pulley to raise them into the air.



This was the tents we stayed in. They were very spacious as there was up to 8 people in each tent. Where our tents were placed we had a big open space to ourselves. On the second day we went down to the beach. There were lots of rabbit holes and foxes so a few of us tripped. Overall we think that Mersea 2024 was really fun as we had a really good time.



Written by Inaya Ali , Zaina and Amira 6M

# Year 5 residential Commonly asked questions

My name is Maryam S, I am in 5 oak. I'm going to be asking questions I have gathered around year 5 about Gilwell Park.

My name is Rumaysa, I am in 6 oak and I will be answering these questions based on my experience.

One of the questions was, "How are the cabins?"

There were 2 bunk beds in each cabin so there were 4 beds. There was also a corridor for girls and a corridor for boys so they were separated. In each cabin there was a bathroom attached so you do not need to go out of the cabins in the night, also the water in the cabins were drinking water. I would recommend bringing a small blanket as the cabins became very cold at night. I would also recommend taking a pair of walking boots as the walk there is very muddy and trainers that are not too hard to put on and off as you can not wear shoes in the main lobby.

A question that was asked by almost everyone was, "How long was the walk there?"

The walk from our school to the train station was roughly 10 minutes. We took one train and did two stops. I would suggest sitting down as the walk after that is very tiring. For me, there was sinking mud and our feet got stuck! We passed a very nice block of houses and then we were there!



Another commonly asked question is, “How are the activities?”

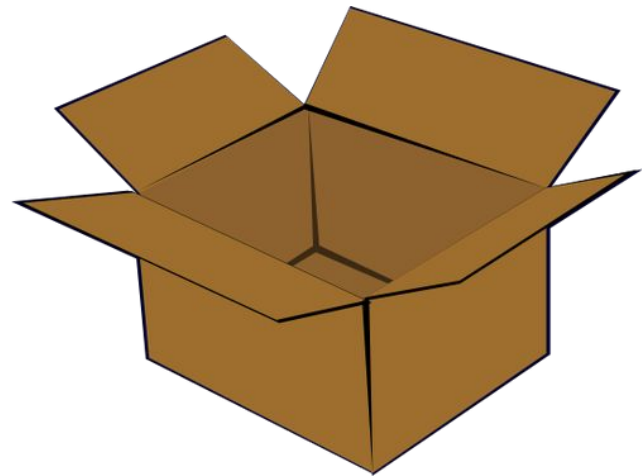
The activities were: crate climbing, campfire and indoor climbing. For me the best thing was the activities. One of my favorite activities was crate climbing. It was extremely fun to knock over the crates and come falling down. But I’d say that my all time favorite activity was the campfire, the s’mores were delicious!



What are things you need to pack?

Some things that you need to pack are::

- A small blanket
- A small pillow
- Grip glove (or normal gloves)
- Card games
- Slippers
- Boots (for the journey there and back).



# Lunchtime Clubs

Written by Sara 6 Maple



In Stepney Park, at lunchtime we have tons of clubs to keep you entertained! We have clubs for different years. For example, on Fridays there is Girls Football with Thalima. For boys in Year 6, Chris Breed has a football tournament but since it has already started, boys in Year 6 can still play independently on Tuesdays. Furthermore, for other years Peter holds a game of Capture the flag on Thursdays, that children from any year group can play. If you're not interested in those clubs don't worry because there is a reading room where you can read!



		Y6 Boys Football League					
1	Thursday 19th September	12:40 PM	Maradona	1	V	Platini	0
		12:50 PM	Pele	3	V	Zidane	1
2	Thursday 26th September	12:40 PM	George Best	0	V	Johan Cruyff	2
		12:50 PM	Platini	4	V	Pele	3
3	Thursday 3rd October	12:40 PM	Maradona	2	V	Pele	2
		12:50 PM	Johan Cruyff	2	V	Charlton	1
4	Thursday 10th October	12:40 PM	Platini	3	V	Charlton	1
		12:50 PM	Zidane	3	V	George Best	1
5	Thursday 17th October	12:40 PM	George Best	4	V	Charlton	1
		12:50 PM	Platini	2	V	Zidane	2
6	Thursday 24th October	12:40 PM	Maradona	0	V	Zidane	4
		12:50 PM	Pele	2	V	Charlton	0
7	Thursday 7th November	12:40 PM	Maradona	2	V	Charlton	2
		12:50 PM	Platini	3	V	Johan Cruyff	0
8	Thursday 14th November	12:40 PM	Maradona	0	V	Johan Cruyff	2
		12:50 PM	Pele	1	V	George Best	1
9	Thursday 21st November	12:40 PM	Platini		V	George Best	
		12:50 PM	Zidane		V	Johan Cruyff	
10	Thursday 28th November	12:40 PM	Maradona		V	George Best	
		12:50 PM	Pele		V	Johan Cruyff	
11	Thursday 5th December	12:40 PM	Zidane		V	Charlton	

# Book Recommendations

## The Lion Above the Door

**Written by Zuriyah**



This is a book about a boy named Leo. He comes from Singapore but often gets stared at because of his ethnicity. Luckily he's not alone, his friend Sangeeta is from India. One day, Leo and his class go on a school trip to a church to learn about WW2 soldiers and Leo finds his name on the wall of the church. Similarly, Sangeeta finds her surname R. Singe. After the trip, Leo is told about a special assembly they will have to share all their learning. Super fun, right?

But when Leo and Sangeeta look for anything about countries like Singapore and India, nothing is found. Is this a simple mistake or are people trying to hide what an important role other countries played in WW2?

### **My rating**



At first I thought the book would be super boring but keep reading and it's the best book ever!

***This book highlights racism and bullying in children's lives today***

### **Author**

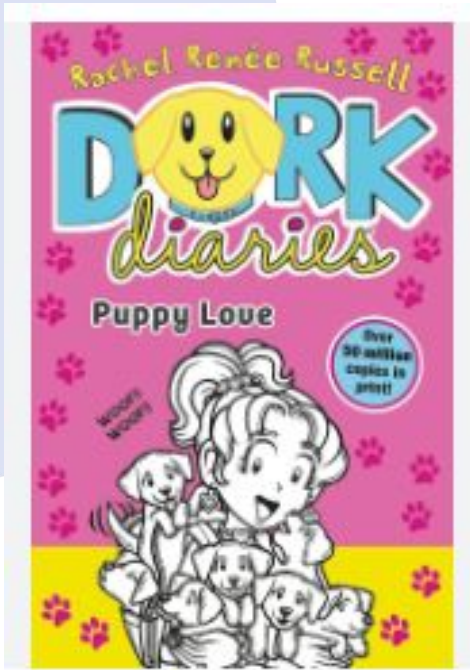
Ontajil Q. Rauf is the author of this book. She's written many amazing books such as *The Star Outside my Window* and *The boy at the Back of the classroom* which most year fives have read or will be reading this year.

### **Other books by Onjali Q Rauf**

- The night bus hero
- The letter with the golden stamp
- The boy at the back of the class
- The star outside my window
- The girl at the front of the class
- The day we met the queen
- Where magic grows
- Heroes like us
- Hope on the horizon

# Dork Diaries: Puppy Love

Author: Rachel Renee Russell



**Written by Nusaiba**

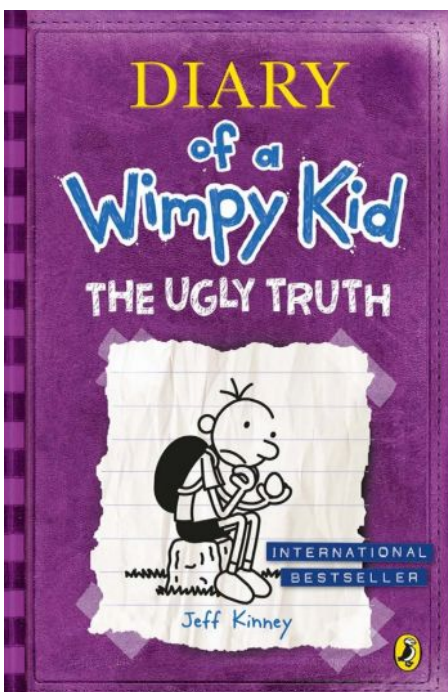
In this book, there is a girl called Nikki who has her friends Brandon, Chloe and Zoey. One day, Nikki and Brandon were just hanging out at fuzzy friends until.....they find puppies! Nikki wants to take them home and take care of them but her mum won't let her. What will happen next?

I rate it 4 stars!



# Diary of a wimpy kid - the ugly truth

Author: Jeff Kinney



**Written by Safaa**

This story is about a boy who has really funny drama and his name is called Greg Heffley. Greg has 2 brothers called Rodrick and Manny (Rodrick has a book called Rodrick Rules). Greg hates Manny the most because he's sometimes a snitch. One part of the story is that it goes in months and on May or April his uncle Fred gets married the 3rd time. Also Greg's mother takes school lessons and while she's away, she has a nanny looking after Greg and his siblings. That is until..

Greg's mother finds a bunch of nannies from across the street watching a drama show.

Rating 9.5/10

# The Yark

Written by Umar

I like the Yark because it is very funny because he eats good sensible children. Also whenever he eats bad children he farts a lot sometimes. Another part I like is when the Yark did not eat Madeline even though she is a good child.



# Once

Written by Hamdan

I recommend this book because it is about a boy named Felix. He is Jewish but the orphanage makes him a Catholic. It is based in world war 2 and Felix escapes the orphanage to find his parents.

