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LO: To understand the importance of charity and making a difference

Bake for Syria is a cause which Unicef has created as they believe it is important to support people in Syria. These people have had their lives destroyed due to civil war.

In school we paid £1 for a Syrian biscuit and two authentic recipes to make at home. My school raised over a £134. We were supporting Unicef Bake for Syria as we believe it is important to support the rights of children all around the world as a global citizen.

When Unicef receive money, they buy things with that money to support Syrian refugees. It is £3 for a thermal blanket, £10 for four story books, £50 for warm winter shoes and £300 for heating for three child friendly spaces.

Salma's story

Salma was in second grade when her happy life in a quiet village became a nightmare. Outside her house, was a war and she was scared of the gunfire and violence. One day, her house got raided by army men (soldiers). These men took her bed, food and everything they owed. Then suddenly she watched her house get bombed knowing her Grandma was inside their house. As a result of the bombing, her Grandma went blind. As a family they walked to Jordan with her Grandma to a refugee camp. They were hoping for something better than a tent but unfortunately this was all that could be spared at the time. We helped raise money for children like these. Selma is now living in a caravan and has started to attend school.

I think that it is important to raise money for people. We are thankful that our country is not a country like that and we have peace. We will wake up to warmth whereas they will wake up to nothing. It is Christmas soon we will wake up to presents, warmth and food. Many children will not! If that was me I would be scared and sad. To know that they wake up to nothing is heart-breaking.



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What did we do in school?

In school, we baked cakes for the Syrian children and families in refugee camps. Most families had their houses blown up or they were escorted out of their homes, but thanks to Unicef's #BAKEFORSYRIA, some lucky refugees have warm caravans with heating and blankets. In the space of two days, we as a school raised £134. That means 46 children could get a thermal blanket and stay warm this Christmas.

Why are we supporting them?

Hearing the stories of the young girls (Farah and Salma) was so tragic and horrible. Both stories are very similar but knowing that loads of civilians are killed or bombed is terrifying because they don't deserve to die.

What do they do with the money?

Unicef use the money we donate to help end poverty and help people in need. They have set up camps to help people and is a national charity that does whatever it can to support individual's rights.

Why is it important that we understand how to help?

It is very important to understand how to help children who need special help and live through terror. I feel sympathetic even though I'm known as the mess about, hyper active, sarcastic person this topic has touched my heart and all children have rights. It's unacceptable to be terrified as a child.