

## Class 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2023

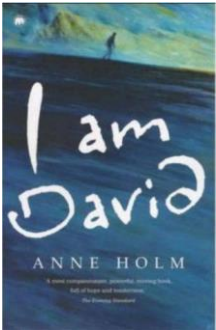
Welcome back after what was hopefully a lovely summer for you all. The children are settling well and have really impressed us so far. They were fantastic at Newby Wiske.

Staffing in Class 4 has changed slightly with Mrs Walmsley teaching the children on Tuesdays (my SENCO and DHT day) and Wednesday afternoons (my PPA time). Where possible she will try to cover additional time I may need out of class. Mrs Stott and Mrs Waugh continue to support the children each morning.



### Maths

We have begun the term by looking at Structure Calculations where we explore the use of bar models to help us solve calculations. We move on to Multiples, Numbers up to 10,000,000, Fractions, and Multiplication and Division. Mrs Walmsley will be focusing on Arithmetic skills.



### English

Our reading work is focused on the book, 'I am David' which tells the story of a young boy who is allowed to escape from a concentration camp, and his journey to reach safety. Our Vipers work will be based on this book.

Writing will be linked wherever possible to our topics and will include a letter as an evacuee, non-fiction historical reports and imaginative writing based on the Blitz. There will be weekly grammar and punctuation lessons exploring a number of themes.

### Science

Our topics this term are Living Things and their Habitats, and Animals including Humans. In our first topic, we will learn how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences including micro-organisms, plants and animals, and give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. Our second topic will focus on [the changes identified as humans develop from birth to old age](#).

### History

Our enquiry is 'What was the impact of World War Two on the people of Britain?' where we learn about the events which led to the outbreak of war and how the Battle of Britain was won. We will learn how to infer and deduce from sources of evidence, analysing how accurate and reliable they are. We will be going to Eden Camp on October 19<sup>th</sup> – parent helpers would be much appreciated please.

### Geography

Our question this term is, 'Why does population change?' We will investigate why certain parts of the world are more populated than others, discussing birth and death rates, social, economic and environmental push and pull factors, and learning about the population in Britain and its impacts.

### RE

Our first enquiry question is, 'Why do some people believe God exists?' We will learn from different religious and non-religious groups about belief in God. We will enquire into the key question- raising questions about the nature and existence of God focusing on Christian ideas about God. Pupils will consider why people do or don't believe in God and the impact that might have on the way they live their everyday life.



### **Art and DT**

In Art, our topic is Architecture where we focus on our observational drawing skills, using a variety of media to revisit our work to show our understanding of tone, texture, line, colour and form. We will study the artist, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. After half term we will be making Anderson Shelters and testing them with water bombs.

### **Computing**

Mr Moss will be teaching computing every fortnight.

### **French**

This term we will be particularly working on French transport and vocabulary associated with houses and homes. We will be looking at cognates and exploring parts of the verb 'aller' with prepositions.

### **PHSE**

We will cover a variety of topics this term, each week focusing on a different theme. Some of them include: exploring the ups and downs of friendship; learning about different types of marriage and the history of marriage in England; learning the importance of self-respect and how this affects happiness and decision-making, and exploring the impact of stereotypes and how they can lead to discrimination.

### **Music**

Our topic this term is Songs of World War Two. We will be developing greater accuracy in pitch and control; identifying pitches within an octave when singing and using knowledge of pitch to develop confidence when singing in parts.

### **PE**

PE lessons are on Monday and Tuesday this year. Children should come to school in their PE kits on both of these days, and should bring tape with them if they are unable to remove earrings. If your child is attending the Total Sports club on Wednesday, they should bring their PE kit with them to change into after school.

## **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME**

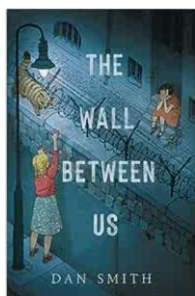
**Daily reading** for a sustained period of time is really important to build up reading stamina. Whilst we read in class on a daily basis, please encourage your child to read at home too.

**Login** details for TTRS, Spelling Shed, Power Maths and My Maths are in the children's planners.

**Homework** will be set each **Friday** and is due in the following **Friday**.

Please encourage your child to practise spellings and multiplication tables. Please encourage your children to be independent when preparing for the school day.

Our new books this term are:



As always, please do get in touch via email or phone and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.  
[s.gee@stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:s.gee@stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk) and [s.walmsley@stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:s.walmsley@stmarysprimaryschool.co.uk)