

# Year 4 Spring Newsletter 2023

Welcome to the Spring term at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children have made a wonderful return to school.

## English

This term, we will focus on confidently constructing complex sentences using subordinate and non-finite clauses. In addition, we will be learning how to effectively use persuasive techniques in our writing. To support our learning, we will be using a range of outdoor learning, drama and Ipads to inspire creativity. Our class author this half term is Daniel Miyares who wrote 'Float'. Our class novel this term is called 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf. This book was chosen by all of the children in Year 4.

## Maths

In maths, Year 4 will be using mental and written methods of multiplication and division. They will be applying their understanding of times tables to answer problem and reasoning questions. The children will be encouraged to use the most efficient method to answer these questions. By the end of Year 4 your child will be expected to confidently recall all of the times tables to 12. Therefore, it is crucial that they are encouraged and supported at home to practise their times tables.

## Topic

This Spring term our enquiry based curriculum will focus on lifecycles. In science, we will be learning about states of matter to support our understanding of the water cycle. In geography, we will be learning about the physical characteristics of countries and major cities – with a focus on rivers. To support our learning throughout this term we will be leading our own research and conducting scientific enquires.

## Swimming

Year 4 will have a swimming lesson every Wednesday afternoon during this term. Every child must participate in swimming lessons. Please remember for health and safety reasons the children are not permitted to wear any jewellery whilst swimming.

