

# Welcome back Darwin Class!



Happy New Year! Welcome to the Spring Term and some new topics. We are all looking forward to our residential visit to Marrick Priory in March and hoping it won't be TOO cold!

## English



Most of our writing will be linked to our new Geography topic this term starting with formal letter writing; we will be trying to influence whether a coastal hotel development can go ahead. Classic poetry will also be part of this term's topic as well as story writing and newspaper reports. We still need to work hard on our grammar, punctuation and spelling with most of our literacy homework based around these areas.

## Geography Topic

Our new topic this term is investigating coastlines with a particular focus on the UK. We will be looking at how coastal features are formed, how coastal areas are used and how modern environmental factors are changing coastlines.

## Music

In Music we will be reviewing previous playing techniques, simple melodies and chord accompaniment playing the Ukuleles. The children will be developing their knowledge of notation and composing simple melodies using the Ukuleles

## Numeracy

This term we will be looking at mental maths using all four number operations, geometry, algebra, problem solving, handling data and probability; as well as further work on fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion.



**Science** Our first topic this term is biology based-Living Things and their Habitats- where we will be looking at the differences in life-cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and at the history of classification of living things from Aristotle to the present day, discovering why classification is important.

## Art

Our art topic this term is closely linked to the Cornish artist Alfred Wallis whose naïve style using mixed media will provide an attractive inspiration for our own painting and sketching.

