



# A Child's War

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to Term 1 and 2! In these notes you will find information relating to Kites class and a brief overview of some of the areas of study your child will be covering at school over the next two terms.

Each 'big' term (autumn, spring and summer) we have a whole school topic that some activities might link to however some areas stand alone and could be inspired for example by a book, current world events or a place. For terms 1&2 our topic is 'A Child's War'.

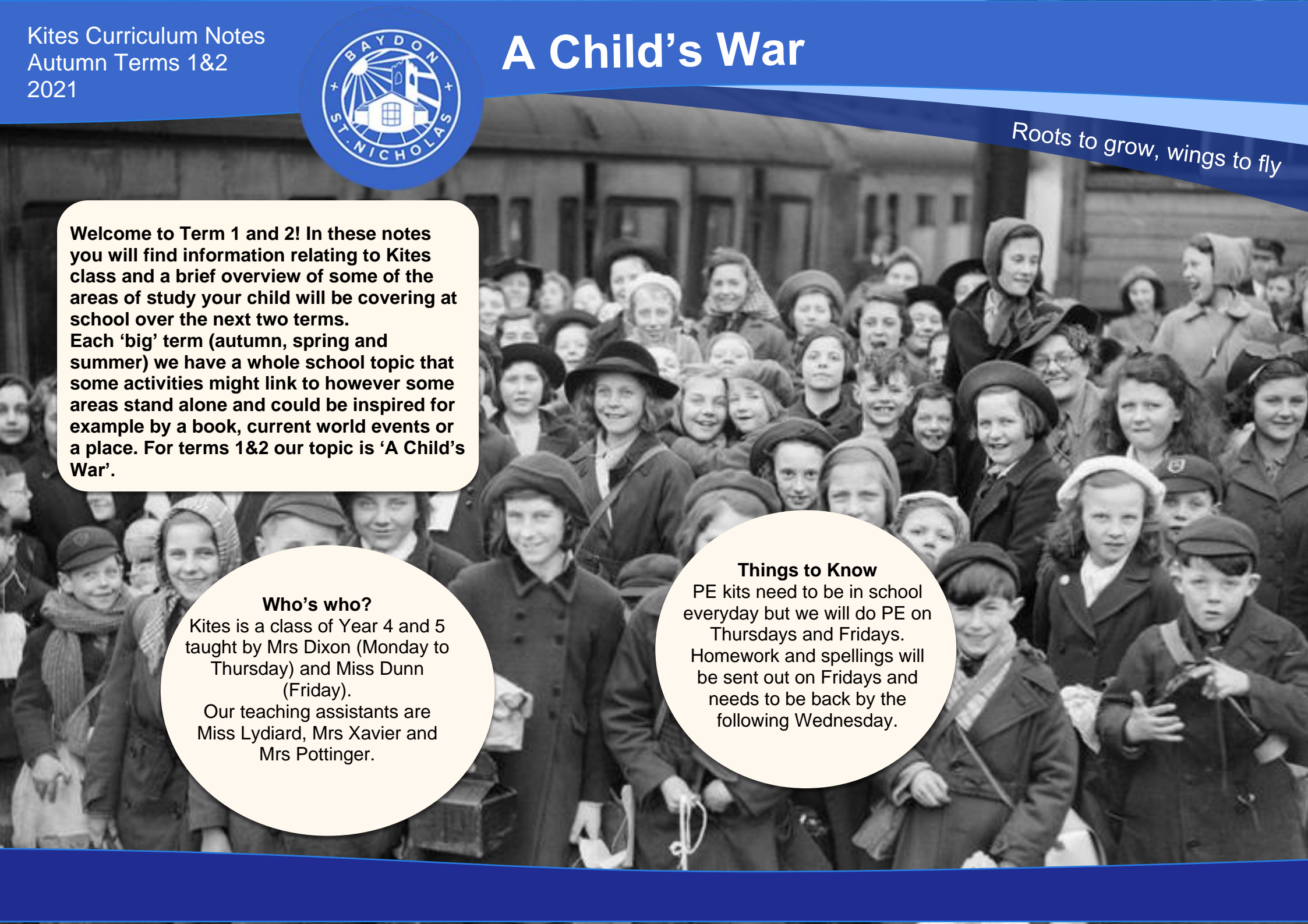
## Who's who?

Kites is a class of Year 4 and 5 taught by Mrs Dixon (Monday to Thursday) and Miss Dunn (Friday).

Our teaching assistants are Miss Lydiard, Mrs Xavier and Mrs Pottinger.

## Things to Know

PE kits need to be in school everyday but we will do PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Homework and spellings will be sent out on Fridays and needs to be back by the following Wednesday.



# Areas of Exploration

## History

We will be looking at World War II and when and why it began. This will involve looking at the key individuals and countries involved. Kites will explore evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing and explore the contribution made by women to the war effort.

## Science

In term one we will be looking at climate change and the impact it is having around the world. We'll look at how humans have caused climate change and what we can do to stop it. In term two Kites will look at electricity, conduct their own investigations and learn about important scientific inventors.

## PSHE

Kites will be looking at the positive qualities of a team, learning how to disagree respectfully and communicate effectively.

## DT

We will be exploring and experimenting with a range of different structures, forces and components to build and test Anderson shelters.

## Books, Books, Books!



Above are just some of the books we will be exploring as a class through English sessions and beyond. We will be looking at different writing genres including narratives, reports, diaries, letters, recounts, advertising, persuasive letters and poetry.

## Maths

We'll begin the year by looking at and deepening our understanding of number and place value followed by written and mental methods of the four number operations. We will also learn more about length, perimeter and area.

## PE

We will be practicing our benchball and basketball skills.

## RE

The key question we will be covering in our lessons is, 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?'

## Geography

Kites are going to answer the question, 'Why were the cities of the UK a target?' in relation to WWII. Key concepts include boundaries, physical geography, interdependence and settlements.

## French

This unit is 'All About Me' and we will look at understanding and following instructions, naming parts of the body, identifying colours and saying what we are wearing.

## Art

Kites will be looking at the artist Anthony Gross and creating Blitz pictures using collage, drawing and painting.

## Music

We will be exploring on beat and off beat rhythms. We will also try to play simple tunes on a recorder!

## Computing

We will be looking at how the World Wide Web can be used to communicate and be searched to find information.