

Dear Grade 4s

#1. This week we are heading back to the [Learn English Kids British Council](https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org) website, to learn about a famous author and illustrator of children's books.

You will all be familiar with the stories of [Beatrix Potter](#). The [Tale of Peter Rabbit](#) has recently been made into an animated movie, and other characters such as Mrs Tigglywinkle, Jemima Puddleduck and Samuel Whiskers, are also very well known. Her beautifully illustrated little children's books may have been part of your earlier childhood, and if you missed out, it's never too late to read them! I have them bound in one large book in our 9-12 [Fiction](#) shelves, so you can ask me for it when we are back in the library.

Here is [the story of Beatrix Potter's life](#):

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/beatrix-potter>

You can do the [preparation](#) before reading and the [game](#) after it online.

Here is a link to a YouTube video about Beatrix Potter, which you may also enjoy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CO4pOMuZNhl>

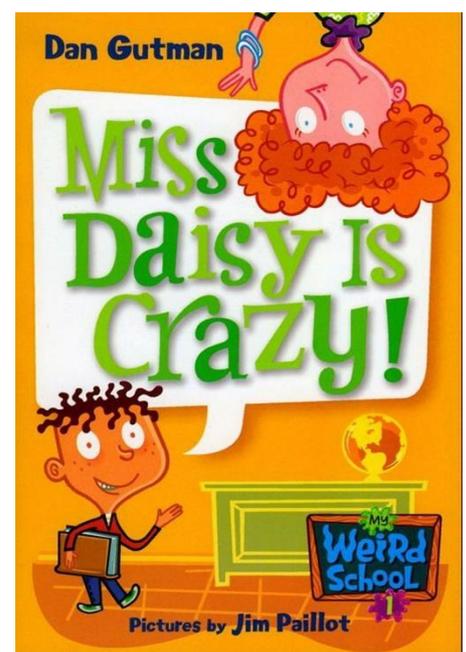
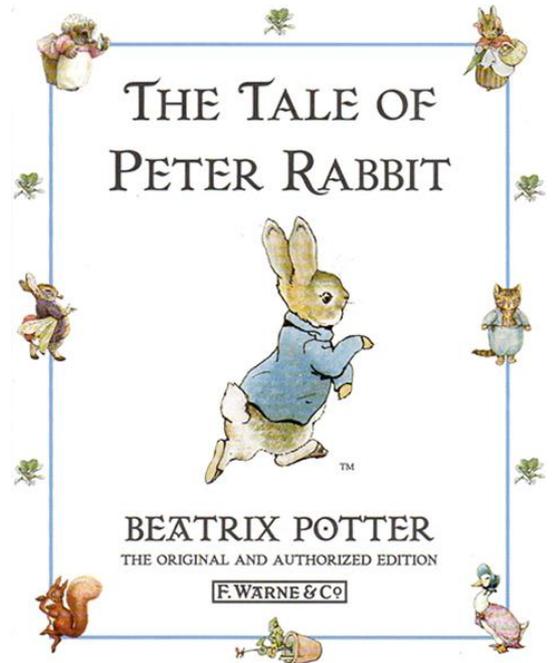
#2. My next book promotion for this week is the [My Weird School](#) series by [Dan Gutman](#). These are humorous school stories which are especially good to read at times like now, when a funny, light story might be just the thing we need. These books are quick, short reads and I have hundreds of them (or so it seems) in the library, if you enjoy a quick, light-hearted and silly story.

Here the author introduces his book series:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y\\_onRvG6-W0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_onRvG6-W0)

This extract is from [Miss Daisy is Crazy](#), the very [first](#) book:

<https://www.shelfstuff.com/book-shelf/books/my-weird-school-miss-daisy-is-crazy/>



<https://www.shelfstuff.com/book-shelf/books/my-weirdest-school-12-ms-hall-is-a-goofball/> Here is a short extract from **Ms Hall is a Goofball**.

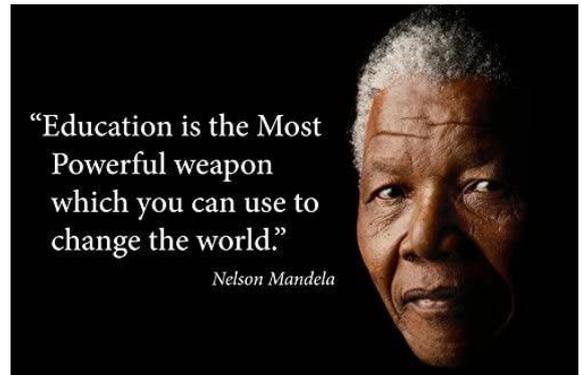
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And here's part of **My Weird School Special – It's Halloween, I'm turning Green** for you to enjoy.

Thanks, **Dan Gutman**, for entertaining us with these funny books! 😊

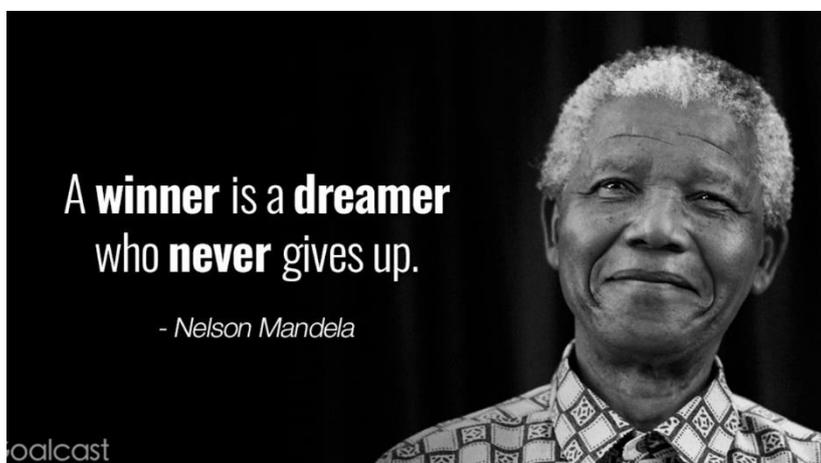
#3. I have saved the best for last. I am surely you have already realised that a special day is approaching ... **Saturday 18 July** is **Nelson Mandela Day!**

It will be harder to do our **67 minutes** this year, due to restrictions on seeing people face to face, however, perhaps there is a creative idea you can have about doing something for others – it doesn't have to be on Nelson Mandela Day. It can, in fact, be on any day that you choose.



In your folder I have shared a **PowerPoint about Nelson Mandela's life for you to read**, a **comprehension activity** on which you can type your answers, an **acrostic poem** for you to try to write – using a word or writing a sentence for each letter of his name, and from the website **Enchanted Learning**, a **booklet** you can make up. You will need to print out the pages and this one is tricky to do. The way I explain is that you need to paste the cover and page 1 together – the words get folded on the outside along the dotted line, and the blank side of page inside is glued together. Then do the same for pages 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 6 & 7, 8 & 9. Finally, arrange your pages in order and staple to make a booklet. I love doing this activity in the library, so maybe we can still try it later in the year. 😊

I have many lovely books about Nelson Mandela in our library to share with you when we are back.



Best wishes for another week of reading, Grade 4s.

I look forward to seeing you back in our lovely library very soon.

Mrs Bentley