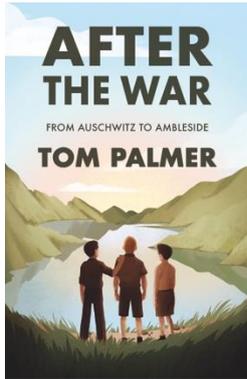


ABBHEY PARK READS!

Year 8 – Term 3 Reading Challenge

This book is set in WW2 and the book that you are taking home is set after WW2 with the story of three boys as they have been rescued from Auschwitz and learn to relive a life with hope and belief in themselves and those around them.



After the War, by Tom Palmer

Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover.

But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo – the closest thing to family he has left – will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?

Themes from the book and areas for reflecting as you read:

1. The Jewish faith and the depth of their faith and how they supported one another as danger increased.
2. The experience of the invasion of the Nazi soldiers and the journey to the camp and being split up as a family group.
3. The differences and adjustment to British culture that the boys experienced as they arrived in Britain and then in the Lake District.
4. The lessons that they learnt about friendship, love and trust as they began to rebuild their lives.
5. Finally, as a review how can we use this story to reflect on the world outlook on different faith and people groups as they seek safety and respect without judgement.

Please note these questions are for discussion they are not a set piece of work. The aim is to take what we read and consider the points raised into our worldly behaviours and challenge our ways of responding to those around us who have moved to a new country and are beginning to learn new cultural traditions.

Tom Palmer

Tom Palmer is a supporter of young readers and the following links may also support you as you read this book.

1. After The War – An Introduction by Tom Palmer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gh44FVucGgY>
2. After The War – Chapter 1 read by Tom Palmer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTr-cxOtAD4>
3. Further resources and information about the book on Tom Palmer's website: <https://tompalmer.co.uk/after-the-war/>

Books will be allocated to you in your library lessons and collected back in from you at the start of next term.