

# Ivy Newt and the Swamp Dragons

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## Teacher Notes

### WAU

#### Global Warming

At the start of the book it talks about how the swamp is changing with warmer weather. The class could look at the effects of global warming on our planet and make a poster on ways we can help the planet..... Reduce Reuse Recycle, Public transport, walking, switching off electricity when not needed etc.

### Food Chains

Tom surmises that dragons are top of the food chain. The class could look at food chains in the animal kingdom and produce of poster for a class display.

### Ancient Runes/ Cryptic Symbols

In the Book Wizards' Library there are a lot of books which include books on ancient runes and cryptic symbols. The class could prepare a class project and research some ancient runes or cryptic symbols in the world. The class could create a fact file about their chosen topic to present to the rest of the class at a later date.

### PDMU

Gran says if you want to be good at something, you must keep working at it. The class could discuss how Gran has lost some of her skills and the importance of practice. They could then discuss and write the things that they would like to improve on (in school and outside of school) and explain why they want to improve these things. The children could present their improvements to the class at the end.

We all have two sides to our personality, something like Trouble Ivy and Ivy. The class could discuss what makes them angry and be troublesome and how do they deal with it? What should they do when they have been troublesome at home and in school? The class could talk about how sometimes we lash out when we have something we are worried or stressed about and the importance of talking to our trusted adults and friends. They could then look at the Take 5 steps to Mental Well-Being by the NHS and discuss the different ways to help and maintain our mental health.

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