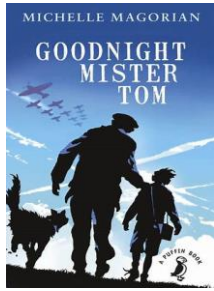


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Upper Key Stage 2



Spring 1



In Years 5 & 6, we will be reading the book 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian, and we will use the text to inform our curriculum subjects this term. This text provides opportunities for children to learn about different events that took place during World War Two. Pupils will use the text throughout their topic-driven afternoons.

Find out more details below!

In **English** this half-term, we will be exploring a wide range of balanced arguments and using these to plan, create and publish our own. Additionally, we will be writing our own letters, based on our own experiences of being an evacuee. We will be focussing on ensuring that our spelling, punctuation and presentation is to a high standard, as well as learning the features of these text types.

In **Maths** this half term, **Year 5** pupils will continue to develop their understanding of fractions, with a particular focus on multiplying and finding the whole. Pupils will also look at completing all four operations, ready for their weekly arithmetic tests.

Year 6 pupils will develop their understanding of ratios, decimals and algebra. As they move through the half-term, pupils will look at completing all four operations ready for their weekly arithmetic tests.

In our curriculum afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will be developing our knowledge of World War Two. We will be studying the build up and outbreak of the War, sequencing the events that occurred as well as comparing key figures who had a significant impact on the outcome of World War Two.

Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring globalisation. We will firstly be looking at trade agreements and where these take place. After this, we will explore key trade routes around the world. Finally, we will explore the positive and negative impacts of globalisation.

Science

As scientists this half-term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. Across this topic, we will explore the process of classification and discuss characteristics of animals, as well as investigate microorganisms.

Art & Design

In Art this term, we will be creating a drawing of a soldier with a focus on shade and tone. In Design Technology, we will be creating (and tasting) a war time pie.

PSHE & RE

In PSHE, we will be talking about families, relationships and people who care. In RE, we will be exploring Christianity with a focus on Jesus and the Ten Commandments.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting change).
- ✓ Listening to me read and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.

Upper Key Stage 2 Teachers: Mrs Jennings and Mr Campbell
Other adults: Miss Dimmock, Mrs Waller, Miss Stokes

Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum 90 minutes a week, please evidence this in their reading record. Spelling and times-table homework will go home every Friday. Spelling tests are completed on a Friday morning. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed into the class teacher by the following Friday.

Year 5 - **P.E.** is on: **Wednesday** (Basketball) and **Thursday** (Gymnastics).

Year 6 - **P.E.** is on: **Wednesday** (Gymnastics) and **Friday** (Basketball).

Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.