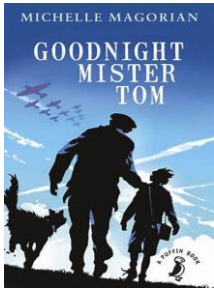


# Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Upper Key Stage 2



## Spring 2



In Years 5 & 6, we will be continuing to read the book 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian, and 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 narratives and using these to plan, create and publish our own narrative about an evacuee's journey. Additionally, we will be writing war themed poetry. 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, decimals and percentages, before moving on to area. Pupils will also look at completing all four operations, ready for their weekly arithmetic tests.

**Year 6** pupils will develop their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. 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 role that women played in the war, how the evacuation process was completed and what life was like for a Jewish person living in Nazi Germany.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring globalisation. We will reflect on the impact of globalisation on the world through the study of deforestation, fair trade and the concept of sustainability.

#### Science

As scientists this half-term, we will be learning about electricity and circuits. Across this topic, we will explore and create our own electrical circuits as well as understanding alternative energy sources.

#### Art & Design

In Art this term, we will be continuing to create 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 how we use the internet in a safe and informed way, in particular when it comes to information sharing. In RE, we will be exploring Christianity with a focus on how religion can play a role in a 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

#### 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** (Rugby) and **Thursday** (Dance).

Year 6 - **P.E.** is on: **Wednesday** (Rugby) and **Friday** (Dance).

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