

# The Year 6 – Autumn 2 Learning Journey



## Reading

This term we are reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. The story is set in the time of World War 2 in Britain where a young boy is sent away from London as an evacuee. In a small town in the countryside he meets Mr Tom whom he lives with for a long period of time. The story follows the friendship they develop and a bond that will last a lifetime.

We will be learning how to answer questions based on different texts using a range of Destination Reader stems. The children will continue to have a weekly 'Big picture' day in which they are exposed to a range of genres. During these lessons, children develop key skills to answering SATS style questions on unseen texts.



## Writing

Weeks 1-3 – The children will be writing a newspaper report on the evacuation of children from London. They be using the layout of a newspaper report with features such as quotes from witnesses, dates and a formal tone.

Week 4 & 7 – The children will be writing an informal letter from the main character to home telling them about the experiences they have had so far in the countryside and how they have been feeling.

We will be mostly focussing on punctuation, feelings, cohesion, paragraphs and sentence structures.



## Maths

This term we will be looking at three main areas:

1. revising key arithmetic skills, including addition and subtraction, written multiplication, long division and working with decimals;
2. exploring how to solve problems and explain our reasoning;
3. fractions and percentages



## PE

We will be working on developing sequences of movements and actions. We will also be learning how to change tactics in a game to disguise what we are about to do next. The children will also work in competitive situations and building on the skills learnt in the previous unit.

## Science

We will be learning about living things and their habitats! The children will be building on their previous knowledge of this topic and understand how to classify animal and plants in a range of ways. The children will also learn how to give reasons for their classifications of animals and plants based on specific characteristics.



## Design Technology

Using a combination of textiles skills such as attaching fastenings, appliqué and decorative stitches, the children will design, assemble and decorate a waistcoat for a chosen purpose.



## History

This term the children will be learning a chronological study of World War 2, keeping in theme with their text. The children will learn what it is to be an evacuee, have rationing books as well as significant events such as the Blitz in London.



## Computing

The children will be looking at the History of computers in World War 2, exploring 'Bletchley park' and how it contributed to the WW2 code breaking team! The children will also learn how the importance of passwords and keeping safe on the internet.



## MFL

In this football-themed unit, children develop their reading, speaking and listening skills, responding to questions about footballers, building to writing their own football player profiles in French based on research of a chosen player.



## PSHE

In PSHE lessons we will be talking about diversity and our community.



## RE

In our RE lessons, we will be learning about Christianity and the significance of Mary.



## Important Dates

Pantomime: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December