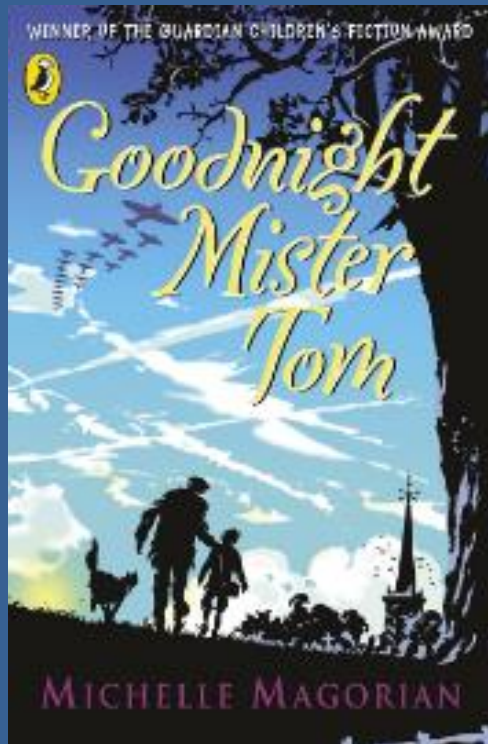


Core school value	Curriculum Key Concept	Trips/enrichment & visitors	Pupil leadership
Respect	Power and Legitimacy	House of Parliament, O2	House Captains and pupil lead clubs

Term 1 2024 Topic title: Battles! Blackouts! Blitz!  
 Key Concept Question: Which is better: democracy or dictatorship?



## Core Text

*Goodnight Mr Tom, by Michelle Magorian, is a beautifully told, deeply moving story about the power of friendship, kindness, hope and love.*

*Britain, 1940. With World War Two raging all around, young children are being sent from their homes in the city to the countryside for safety. When eight-year-old William Beech first arrives on Tom Oakley's doorstep, neither are quite sure what to make of each another.*

*Brought up in terrible poverty, William is terribly shy, and totally unprepared for village life; the gruff-but-gentle 'Mister Tom' quickly takes him under his wing. Neither he nor William could ever have predicted the journey they will go on together - nor the unbreakable bond that will be formed.*

## English

### Core reading text:

Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian  
Suffragette: the Battle for Equality by David Roberts

### Reading:

We will be using texts to complete comprehension style questions: inferring meaning from the text, understanding word meanings, summarising text, retrieving information, understanding word choices, distinguishing between fact and opinion and understanding the author's intent.

### Writing:

We will discuss texts and use them as a basis for writing. We will write an informal letter, a newspaper report, a diary entry, instructions and poems.

### EGPS/Spelling:

- Understand, and use, proper nouns and adverbs of possibility
- Convert nouns and adjectives into verbs
- Add prefixes de-, mis-, over-, re-
- Understand progressive tense

## Science – Properties & Changes in Materials (Chemistry)

**Big Idea: All matter in the universe is made from very small particles.**

### Key enquiry questions:

- How can we compare materials according to the properties?
- What are thermal conductors and insulators?
- What are electrical conductors and insulators?
- What is dissolving?
- Which materials dissolve?
- What is a reversible change?
- What is an irreversible change?

## History/Geography

### Key enquiry questions:

- How did WWII begin?
- What was it like in London during the Blitz?
- Why was the role of women important during WWII?
- Why was the Battle of Britain important?
- What happened to evacuees during WWII?
- What is propaganda and why was it used?
- Why was rationing introduced?
- Who were the Suffragettes?
- How did they change history for women?
- What is the difference between democracy and dictatorship?
- What are the positives and negatives of both?

## Curriculum Subjects

**Art** – Blitz silhouettes, art in the style of Henry Moore

**DT** – design, and make, and Anderson Shelter

**PSHE** – family and relationships

**French** – 'Portraits' speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures

**Music** – 'the French Prince of Bel Air/O2 Young Voices' sing in unison and canon, composition, stagecraft

## Computing

Micro:bit - programming

## Outdoor learning

Shelter building

## Maths

This term, in Maths, we will be focussing on area, volume, properties of shapes, algebra, statistics and geometry.

We will:

- Understand Roman numerals to 1000 and beyond
- Represent numbers to 10,000, 100,000, a million and ten million
- Order and compare numbers to a million/ten million
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Round numbers to a million
- Counting in 10s, 100s, 1000s, 10,000s, 100,000s.
- Understand negative numbers
- Add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits
- Using the inverse to check answers
- Solve word problems using addition and subtraction

## RE

Key enquiry question:

What does it mean if God is loving and giving?

## PE – Football & Hockey

- Develop dribbling, passing and catching skills.
- Develop control and technique with equipment
- Evaluate and improve skills