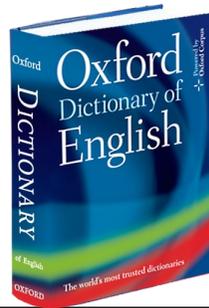


Spellings/Vocabulary

Pupils should be familiar with any of these words that may come up this term: simplified, equivalent, conversion, solidified, condensation, evaporation, precipitation, rations, Blitz, evacuation, annexation, Dictator, Peace Treaty and consolidation.



Terrific Thursdays

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kits on this day, with water bottles and with earrings removed. As it gets colder, please also bring a jumper.

Homework

All pupils will continue to receive daily maths homework, based on what has been covered in class. Literacy/Topic and maths homework will be sent once a week on Friday and due back Wednesday. Spellings will be recorded by the children (in their yellow spelling book) on a Monday and then they will be tested on them on Friday. We also expect children to be reading regularly at home with a range of different texts and genres.

Key Dates

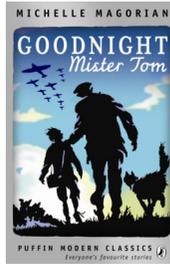
**Imperial War Museum Trip: Mon 12th November (Doves),
Fri 16th November (Bullfinches)**

The Second World War



Term 2 / Year 6
Bullfinches—Mr Gagnon
Doves—Mr Smit

English



The book we are studying this term is Goodnight Mr Tom written by Michelle Magorian. Willie Beech is evacuated from Deptford to the country during the Second World War to live with Tom Oakley, an old widower. With Tom, Willie flourishes, develops friendships and finds real happiness and security for the first time. The events take another dramatic turn! This is an emotionally charged novel which explores themes such as safety and trust, parenting, fear and loss.

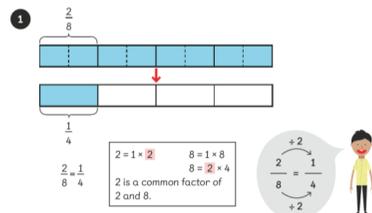
Overall aims:

- To engage children with a story with which they will empathise.
- To explore themes and issues, and develop and sustain ideas through discussion, enabling children to make connections with their own lives.
- To develop creative responses to the text through drama, storytelling and artwork.
- To compose poetry and write in role in order to explore and develop empathy for characters.

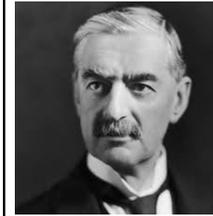
Mathematics

In term 2, we are focussing on fractions. Pupils will be simplifying fractions and then move onto comparing and ordering fractions. Pupils will work with basic fractions and mixed numbers. They will then begin to add and subtract fractions with different denominators, including mixed numbers. Bar model diagrams are incorporated to support pupils' understanding before moving on to multiplication and division. Pupils will be required to divide fractions by whole numbers and will explore different methods.

We will then be exploring the relationship between fractions and decimals. (I.e. $\frac{1}{5} = 0.20$)



Topic



In Term 2, the Year 6s will be learning about a Child's Experience of World War 2. We will explore the events leading up to the outbreak of war and create a newspaper report about this. (NB Important dates of trips/events are overleaf.)

In **Science**, we'll be learning to:

- observe how materials change from a solid to a liquid or a liquid to a gas
- recognise solids, liquids and gases
- group materials together using their properties
- measure temperature and explore patterns in freezing and melting
- find out what the 'water cycle' is.

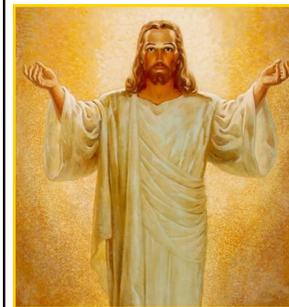
In **Music**, we'll be exploring :

- War Time songs and Feliz Navidad in preparation for Christmas.

In **Design and Technology**, we'll be exploring:

- Making a Gas Mask box, using given measurements and materials
- War Time crafts, as part of the 'Make do and Mend' effort
- Cooking and baking during rationing and evacuation

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Was Jesus the Messiah? This term we'll be digging deeper into the evidence of whether or not Jesus was the Messiah. We'll look at the Old Testament and compare that to the New Testament. We'll look at how people celebrate the Messiah during different holidays and to weigh up how far the world needs a

Messiah and how much of an impact that can make.