



# Year 6 Newsletter

*We discover and realise the genius in everyone!*

## YEAR 6

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term! We are really excited about our new topic this half term: World War II. We have so far enjoyed a great WWII day and also have lots more engaging learning planned for the children. We hope that they will continue to share their learning with you through discussions at home.

*Miss Maylon, Mr Barnshaw, Miss Akdogan and Miss Adesina*

#### REMINDERS

All children must bring their PE kits into school every week. They can bring their PE kits in on Monday and take them home on Friday.

We do not recommend that children under the age of ten walk home alone. However, if you would like them to do so, you must sign and return a school form. Please contact the office for more details.

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform every day. See the school website for further details.

#### TOPIC FOCUS: WWII

This half term, our topic is World War II. The children will get the opportunity to learn about rationing, propaganda and what life was like in Woolwich during the war. They will also design and create their own satchels for children who were evacuated for DT. In Science, we are learning about the circulatory system and how we can keep our bodies healthy.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**10th-15th  
November**  
Book Fair

**13th-17th  
November**  
Anti-Bullying week

**Tuesday 12th  
December**  
Thamesmead and  
Royal Arsenal  
Christmas  
performances  
(2pm)

**14th December**  
Children's  
Christmas lunch

**Wednesday 20th  
December**  
Christmas parties

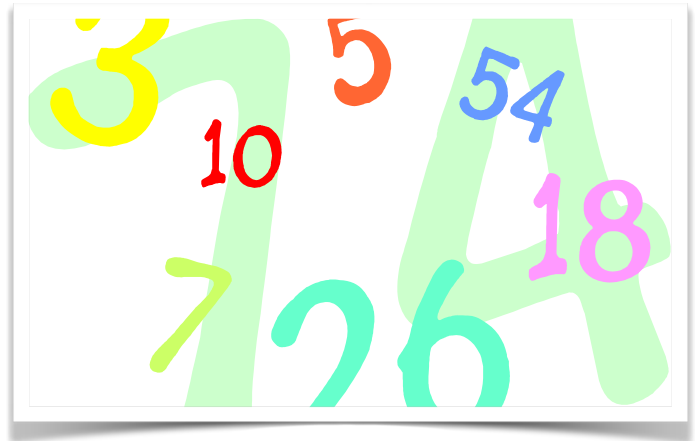
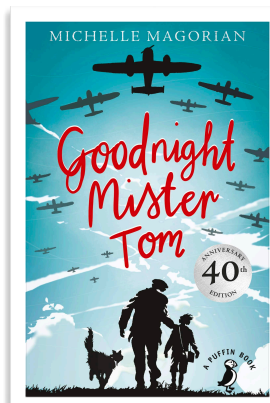
**Thursday 21st  
December**  
Last day of term



## English

In English, we will be reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom,' by Michelle Magorian. In the story, the main character (Will) is evacuated to the countryside and looked after by Mister Tom. We will empathise with Will and write a postcard home to his mum as well as understanding the character of Will's mother by writing a letter. Later in the topic, we will be planning and re-writing a chapter from a different character's perspective.

In addition, we will also research Britain's Black Airmen and write a biography about a heroic pilot that helped in the war.



## Maths

In our maths lessons, we will continue to build on our arithmetic skills, using mental and written methods for all four operations. We will learn to add, subtract and simplify fractions and solve fraction problems. After learning how to find percentages of numbers, we will solve real-life problems using this skill. We will also be further developing our understanding of decimals and solving calculations involving these.

Please encourage children to practise their timetables at home daily using the Times Tables Rock Stars app. This is a fun and engaging way for your child to practice. Mathletics is also a useful website for children to practise their reasoning skills.

## GROUPS

In order to support learning, pupils may be taught in groups for maths and reading. Additional small group teaching will take place as needed to support your child's progress.

## HOME LEARNING

Project homework will be sent via Showbie.

Spellings will be given out weekly on Mondays; children will be tested the following Monday. The spellings can be found on [Spelling Shed](#) - a great website/app that will aid your child's learning as well as on Showbie.

Please continue to encourage your child to read often and record this in their Reading Champions book. The children will go home with both their assessed book banded book and a novel of their choice.

Times tables is a key focus for Year 6; please continue to practise these regularly. Children should use Times Tables Rock Stars daily for 15 minutes.

