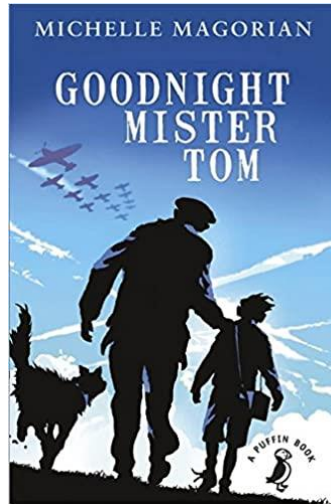


English Writing Update Y6 for Autumn 2

The next half-term, Year 6 are reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian.



Our text is a moving narrative of a boy who is evacuated during World War Two. When the Second World War breaks out, young Willie Beech is evacuated to the countryside. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of kind, old Tom Oakley.

But then his cruel mother summons him back to war-torn London...Will he ever see Mister Tom again?

This book complements our recent learning in History: The Impact of World War One and World War Two on Our Locality.

Our Writing Outcomes will be:

- Character Description
- Formal letter

Our focus for grammatical features will be:

- Expanded noun phrases (including revising synonyms)
- Modal verbs
- Selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- In narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere (Figurative language: similes, metaphors etc.)

- Integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
- Recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms
- Using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence
- Reported speech and punctuation of direct speech

Handwriting

All children will focus on using a neat, legible joined-up style of handwriting as this is the requirement in Year 6.

Web links:

Some useful links for these skills can be found on BBC Bitesize:

Modal verbs:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zps4pbk>

Speech marks:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk>

Direct and indirect speech:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zm63c7h>

Features of a newspaper:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2yycdm/articles/z2gk9qt>

Some **vocabulary** we will be using this half term includes:

Evacuee, billeting officer, declaration, war, rationing, countryside, city, Blitz

