

Burton Pidsea Primary School Curriculum Overview – Autumn 1 – Class 4 (Year 5/6)

English



READING - This term, we will be reading *Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian, alongside a range of other texts connected to our science and geography topics.

Reading Skills Children Will Develop:

- Understand and explain the meaning of words in context
- Retrieve and record information, identifying key details from both fiction and non-fiction
- Summarise main ideas across more than one paragraph
- Make inferences and justify them with evidence from the text
- Predict future events based on stated and implied details
- Identify and explain how information and narrative content link together to build overall meaning
- Explore how authors enhance meaning through word and phrase choices
- Make comparisons within and across texts

WRITING - This term, children will:



- Write a diary entry linked to World War 2 and the Blitz.
- Create a biography of a soldier, evacuee or factory worker (WW2 Link).
- Explore poetry and compose their own Haiku.

Spellings



In Weeks 1–7, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will follow the *Spelling Shed* programme. Children will engage in a variety of activities, including:

- Investigating word definitions
- Practising accurate spelling
- Applying new spellings in sentences to show understanding and context

Maths



Autumn Term Y5 – Place value, addition, subtraction, statistics, multiplication, division, perimeter and area. Autumn Term Y6 - Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, position and direction.

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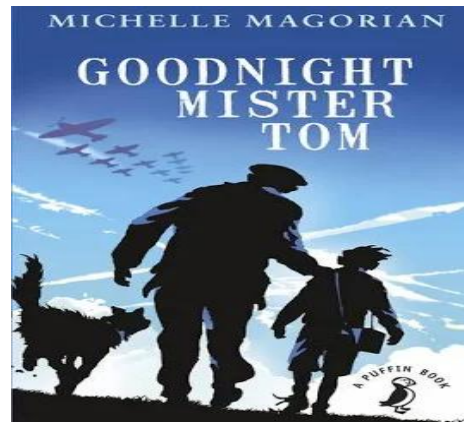
This half term, children will explore the following questions, Why doesn't Christianity always look the same? Pupils will explore how

Christianity has developed over time and why worship and beliefs can vary across different Christian denominations. They will investigate the influence of key historical figures, compare different forms of Christian worship, and consider how Christianity continues to change while sharing the same core beliefs.

PHSE



Our focus in Jigsaw is 'Being me in my world'.



Goodnight Mister Tom
(Michelle Magorian)

Music



Songs of World War 2 - Pupils will explore songs from the Second World War, developing their singing, pitch, timing, and harmony skills. They will use musical vocabulary to discuss music, perform confidently in parts, and learn to read and notate simple melodies.

Children will also learn some autumn songs (Harvest festival etc).

PE

This term we will focus on athletics and fitness.



Netball,

dodgeball,

Science

Life cycles and reproduction

Pupils will explore the life cycles of plants and animals, comparing how different living things grow, reproduce, and survive. They will investigate asexual reproduction in plants and develop their scientific enquiry skills through research, observation, data analysis, predictions, and presenting results using graphs.

History

History – What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain?

Pupils will explore the causes and impact of the Second World War on Britain, including the experiences of those who lived through the conflict. They will investigate key events such as the Battle of Britain, the Blitz, evacuation, and the changing roles of women and migrants, while using a range of historical sources to make informed judgements.

Art & DT

Art – This term the children will complete two units: Paintings and mixed media portraits and Painting and mixed media artist study.

Computing

During Autumn term the children will complete three units - Online safety (6), Programming 1: Microbits (5) and Data-handling Mars Rover (5).

French

French

This term, children will complete the following units: portraits, meet my French family and clothes (getting dressed in France).