



# UPPER KEY STAGE 2 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



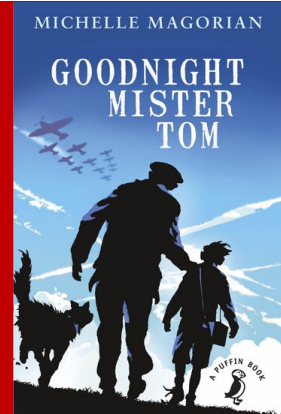
**ORCHARD  
HEAD**

JUNIOR, INFANT  
& NURSERY SCHOOL

*We hope that everyone had an excellent holiday, we have been extremely impressed with the dedication of our UKS2 cohort to re-establish our school routines, show dedication to their learning and work together to keep each other safe in school. All the adults in UKS2 have noticed how well the children have settled back into the school and how they have worked as a team to display a superb attitude to learning. As we continue through the Spring term, we are keen to maintain and develop the excellent standards displayed so far.*

### Reading, Writing, Maths and Science

We are starting the new term with a brand-new text, 'Goodnight Mister Tom', which all our curriculum will be centred around. In our Writing lessons, we will be focusing on developing our spelling and grammar skills through genre writing. We will begin by writing a balanced argument about whether the evacuations in World War 2 should have taken place, moving onto writing a letter; all based around the events of World War 2'. In Maths lessons, Year 5 will be building upon their multiplication and division knowledge, whilst Year 6 will be learning algebra, decimals and statistics. In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore how organisms are grouped and classified based on their physical similarities and differences.



### Curriculum

In Geography, we will be exploring how globalisation has impacted the way countries trade and how that affects the environment. We will also investigate the processes involved in trade agreements.

In History, our topic this term directly relates to 'Goodnight Mister Tom', as we learn all about World War 2. Our studies will also inform us about the impacts World War 2 had on people.

We will also be building upon learning in Music, Art, DT, Computing and PSHE through curriculum lessons relating to our canon text 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.



### PE Information

**Class 5 - Thursday**

**Class 5/6 - Friday**

**Class 6 – Tuesday**

Children will come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure kits are fully labelled and follow the school uniform guidance.

### Key dates

Our Class Assemblies are:

**Class 5 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Class 5/6 - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Class 6 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

### Homework

Homework will continue to be provided on a weekly basis. Each child will receive their homework on a Tuesday, and it is expected to be returned on a Monday. If returned on time, each child will be awarded with 2 dojo points.

Homework consists of 5 spellings, maths, reading and grammar to ensure our children are retaining the skills they are learning. Please also encourage your child to read each day as this can have a huge impact on your child's learning and progression.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and learning.

Feel free to arrange an appointment to discuss anything if necessary.

Miss Kinlough, Miss Leyland-Brown and Mr Bayliss