

## ENGLISH

Our new class book: Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian, complementing our current topic focus – WW2. During this term, we will be focusing on narrative writing, recounts, persuasive writing and diary writing, each with a focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

## MATHS

Our initial focus will be place value and geometry on Fridays. Following this, the four operations, fractions, decimals, percentages and measures. Throughout the term, we will be brushing up on times tables knowledge and mental arithmetic, increasing fluency and speed.

## HISTORY

Our topic this term has a history focus – WW2. Our learning will include: finding out about the events that led to war; what it was like to live through the war years; the countries involved in the war; leaders during WW2. We hope to be able to take a trip the Imperial War Museum later this term, more information to follow on this...

# Curriculum Overview Autumn Term Darwin Class

**Mrs Bousfield/Mrs Hall (Class Teacher)**

**Mrs Graham (TA)**

**Mrs Midgley (TA)**

## MUSIC

Listening & Appraising tasks investigating a range of pieces of music and their effects on feelings and moods, while developing an understanding and use of musical vocabulary. Christmas performance preparation and rehearsal singing as an ensemble.

## PSHCE & RSE

Internet safety - media, literacy and digital resilience, online relationships, positive & caring friendships, anti-bullying, and families & people who care will be our PSHCE and RSE focuses this term. We will also revisit school super powers, and as always, mental wellbeing.

## PE (Mondays and Thursdays)

Our focus to begin with on Thursdays will be football with Jonny, including: footwork, tackling, striking and defending. On Mondays, we will be honing our hockey skills. Following this, we will enjoy netball games and circuit training. Warm clothes needed for outdoors please!

## ART

Linking with our topic this term, we will be exploring WW2 art through propaganda posters, and we will be creating our own versions of these. Also, we will explore the work of famous war artist Graham Sutherland.

## SCIENCE

Our first science focus this term will be living things and their habitats, including microorganisms. We will explore early classification systems and the work of famous scientists involved.

**Reading:** children should be reading at least 30 minutes a day at home, which needs to be signed off by parents in their diaries. We have a class bingo reading challenge to encourage the children to read a wider variety of texts.

**Spellings:** please help children to practise their spellings for the test on Mondays (new spellings will go home Tuesdays).

**Homework:** daily reading and spelling practice will be expected. Children will be set reinforcement tasks on IXL/Rockstars to embed current learning and continue to practise times tables.