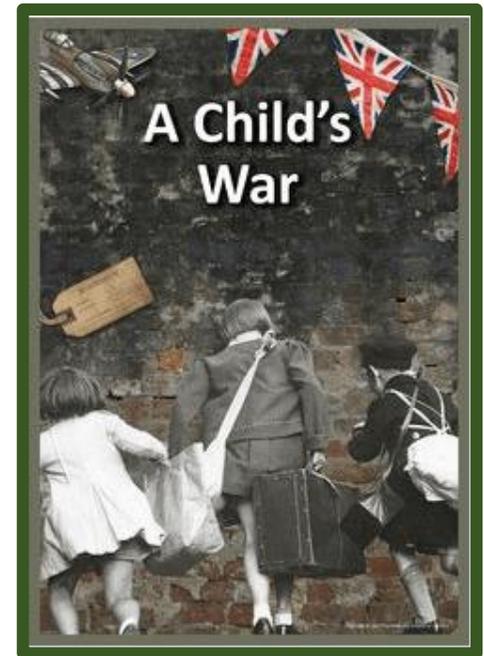


Year 5 Autumn Term 2 - Parent Information  
A Child's War

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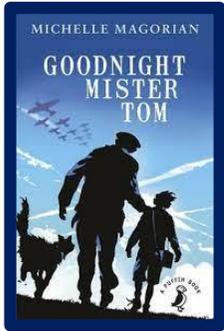
A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover. It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory.

Make do and mend. Cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when loose lips sink ships. And as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender'.



Helping your child prepare for their project

We'll meet again! Why not visit a local museum together to investigate how the Second World War affected your local area? You could also read an exciting fiction book set during the war. Alternatively, you could 'make do and mend', working together to create a model inspired by the Second World War from recycled materials or unwanted household items.



## Our Class Novel – Goodnight Mr Tom

Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A lonely and deprived child, he finds himself living with the reclusive, gruff old widower Thomas Oakley. Although the two find it hard to adjust to their life together at first, they gradually develop a strong mutual bond. Willie begins to enjoy life and make new friends in the village.

However, everything is thrown into confusion when Willie is recalled to London by his neglectful mother. After several weeks with no letter from Willie, Tom Oakley becomes concerned and sets off to London to find him...

### Curriculum Themes for this half-term

Memorable experience	Visit to the National Space Centre
English	Diary Writing, War Poetry
Maths	Multiplication and Division, Fractions
Science	Materials
A&D	Textiles – making a child's bag/blanket
Computing	Computing systems and networks
Geography	Identifying the countries involved in World War 2
History	World War 2 – Important events, propaganda posters
PSHE	Valuing Difference
RE	Judaism
French	En ville – all about our town
Music	Songs from World War 2