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Dear parents and carers of Year 6,

Re: **Goodnight Mr Tom** by Michelle Magorian

We are writing to let you know that during this half term we will reach a point in our SQUIRT novel, *Goodnight Mr Tom*, where some of the more upsetting and mature content of the story is taking place. The book offers our year 6 pupils some incredible opportunities to enhance their vocabulary and knowledge but does also deal with issues relating to physical abuse and neglect. There is also some content which deals with death as a result of mistreatment.

Please be assured that any of the upsetting content will be handled appropriately by the staff in Year 6 and that we will seek further advice and support from the FLO and safeguarding teams if we feel that a child needs this. If you have any concerns or there is anything which you feel we would benefit from knowing about your child and how these topics might affect them, please email the school office who will pass the message on to your child's class teacher.

At the end of this half term, we will be watching the film of *Goodnight Mr Tom* which is rated PG because of the abuse and neglect of the main character. If you do not wish for your child to watch the film, please email the school office who will let the class teacher know.

Kind regards,

Mr Irwin, Miss Beardsmore, Mr Dawson and Mr McMahon

The Year 6 team

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

