

# News from Saturn Class

## 25 September 2015



### What we have been up to

In literacy, we are looking at the book "Goodnight Mr Tom". We have been using drama to help inspire descriptions of locations and characters ready to write a recount during our next extended writing session.

We have also started spellings. Your child has a spelling booklet, which they should be bringing home each weekend. They won't be tested on them as such but we will be doing some dictation exercises to ensure that they are learning the words.

### Extended Writing

Next week, we will be writing a recount of the first part of Goodnight Mr Tom. Our focus will be on descriptive writing and writing from a character's point of view. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child about what has happened in the story and discuss ways that they could make their writing as descriptive as possible. We have covered these things in class so it is more about getting them to orally rehearse what they might write so that they come to the task ready to get started. They do not need to do any written planning as they will have time to do this in class before they start.



### PE

The children will be doing indoor PE on a Tuesday and outdoor PE in a Thursday. For indoor PE this term they will be doing gymnastics and for outdoor PE they will be playing tag rugby.

### Accelerated Reader Software

We will be using Accelerated Reader software this year. Your child will sit a short online test which will allocate them a reading level. They will choose books from that level and, when they have finished them, they will undertake a short online test to ensure that they have understood what they are reading. This will allow us to monitor their reading levels and ensure that they are at the correct level. Saturn have completed online reading tests and we will introduce using the software within the next few weeks. You can help your child by asking them questions about the books they are reading.



*Best wishes,  
Mrs Naylor*