## All Saints CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in Sapphires will be accessing some high quality and challenging texts in English this half term. Our whole class text will be 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. This will be the model for children to learn about writing settings, describing and developing characters and how to base fictional stories on true events - in this case World War 2, Evacuation and the devastation caused by The Blitz.

Similarly, in Guided Reading with a class teacher, the children will be reading other stories based on WW2 such as 'Carrie's War', 'Friend or Foe' and 'The Machine Gunners'. Children will learn to respond to text using 'VIPER' which stands for:

· Understanding and discussing vocabulary choices,

· being able to infer,

- · predicting based on other reading as well as what has been read so far,
- explaining what is happening,
- · retrieving information and
- · summarizing a chapter/section of a text.

To supplement their learning, children will be watching several video clips. Within English, children will compare texts to videos, noting similarities and differences as well as commenting on fiction vs fact!

Below are three key DVDs that the children will be watching this term of which two carry a PG rating. We believe the selected scenes will enhance the children's learning experience however we will only select scenes, which we deem to be appropriate to show the children. Should you wish to borrow any of the DVDs to watch at home in order to be clear about what your child is viewing in school, I am more than happy to lend you our school copy. If you have any questions regarding the content, again please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Crumpler or myself.

Please fill in the consent form below to confirm that you agree to your child watching these DVDs within class time.

With thanks

Lisa Regan



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<ul> <li>I do / do not (delete as appropriate) give permission for _ to watch the following DVDs within school time:</li> <li>Carrie's War (U)</li> </ul>		(child's name)
<ul> <li>Goodnight Mr Tom (PG)</li> <li>Anne Frank (PG)</li> </ul>		
Signed	(Parent/Carer)	(date)





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