

YEAR SIX: SPRING TERM 2026

Information for parents and carers



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ENGLISH

Our class novel is 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. This steampunk Victorian Adventure story will provide lots of fantastic opportunities for writing for different purposes and audiences. We will focus on narrative writing this half term then next term we will write a biography using the book 'Henry's Freedom Box' which tells the real life story of Henry Brown who escaped slavery by mailing himself to freedom. We will continue to develop reading comprehension to prepare for our Reading SAT paper and revise all Grammar and Punctuation objectives to ensure we are prepared for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SAT papers. This will include revision of all Key Stage 2 spelling objectives.



SCIENCE: EVOLUTION AND INHERITANCE

Pupils will learn to:

- > recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- > recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- > identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to Evolution.



GEOGRAPHY

Topic 1: Why does population change?

Investigating why certain parts of the world are more populated than others; exploring birth and death rates; discussing social, economic and environmental push and pull factors; learning about the population in Britain and its impacts.

Topic 2: Where does energy come from?

Learning about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, where they come from and their impact on society, the economy and the environment.



MUSIC

Classroom Jazz— Glockenspiel



MATHS

We will cover these areas throughout the term:
Understanding and investigating with numbers:

- place value, ordering and rounding
- properties of numbers and number sequences
- fractions, decimals and percentages

Developing and applying calculation:

- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division

Measurement

Geometry:

- properties of shapes
- position and direction

Statistics:

- Interpreting, constructing and presenting data



PE* (TUESDAY)

Games: Netball

Dance: Carnival rhythms!

**We only have one PE slot this term (we make up with extra PE time in the Summer Term)*



MFL (FRENCH)

Les Vêtements (clothes):

Ask and say what clothes you'd like
Give opinions about clothes
Say what clothes you wear
Ask and talk about prices



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHRISTIANITY: Easter and the ascension



ART & DESIGN

Painting and mixed media: Artist study.

We will be exploring a selection of paintings through art appreciation activities. Collecting ideas in sketchbooks and planning for a final piece after researching the life, techniques and artistic intentions of an artist that interests them.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Mechanical systems: Automata toys.

We will develop a functional automata window display, to meet the requirements in a design brief. We will explore and create cam, follower and axle mechanisms to mimic different movements.



COMPUTING

PROGRAMMING: Scratch

Creating a game that uses variables



HOMEWORK

Accelerated Reader Books should continue to be read at home every day (or class novel when chapters are assigned for homework).

Spelling—we are now revising all spelling patterns from Key Stage 2. There are no lists to learn as weekly tests will cover a range of objectives rather than one pattern or rule. Children can use Spelling Shed at home to support their spelling practice (revision lists are set on the assignments).

In addition to our extended school day (8.30am start) we will run an after school booster club on Mondays, finishing at 4.15pm. All pupils are expected to attend this club—juice and biscuits are provided! The first session will commence on Monday 27th January (in line with other clubs) and will continue weekly until the end of term (and after the Easter break until the SATs have been completed).

Children will be given a set of revision books which will be kept in school and occasionally tasks will be set for homework. The majority of 'homework' will be completed in school during the extended hours or in class.



DIARY DATES (SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DIARY DATES)

Monday 19th January— After school SATs booster club begins

Tuesday 27th January—Year 6 Parent / Carers SATs Meeting 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th February—Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 17th February - Parent Consultations (appointments from 2pm - 5.45pm)

Friday 20th February - End of half term

Monday 2nd March—School Closed to Pupils (INSET)

Tuesday 3rd March—School reopens after half-term break

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

WB Monday 30th March—Creativity Week (Theme TBC)

Thursday 2nd April - End of Spring Term (Easter Egg Competition)

Looking ahead: SATS assessments will take place in the week beginning Monday 11th May (see FRIDAY LETTER for a complete list of diary dates for the term)

