

Year 6 Overview: Spring 1 term 2021

English	Values	Physical Education
<p style="text-align: center;">Cogheart – Peter Bunzl</p>  <p><i>Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her?</i></p> <p><i>With her friends - Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart...</i></p> <p><i>Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure</i></p> <p>To support our creative writing this Spring term, we will be reading Peter Bunzl's thrilling novel, Cogheart.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our learning skill focus this half term is...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INDEPENDENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children will be given the skills to take greater ownership and responsibility of their learning.</p> 	<p>With Mr White and our class teachers, we will continue to develop our fundamental movement skills through net and wall games:</p> <p>*UNDERARM THROW, CATCHING, STRIKING WITH A RACQUET (FOREHAND AND BACKHAND)</p> <p>Having developed our balance and core strength, we will be continuing with GYMNASTICS focusing on:</p> <p>*FLOOR SHAPES, FLOOR MOVEMENT, BENCH BALANCE, VAULT, CLIMBING AND TRAVERSING APPARATUS*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Writing</p> <p>In the Spring term, children will begin to build a writing anthology of original pieces. The works will span a wide range of genres, both fiction and non-fiction, and give pupils many opportunities to explore and refine their writer's voice.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>This term, we will be using micro:bits. Micro:bits are a fantastic way to learn the fundamentals of computer science. Children will be exploring the various inputs (accelerometer, compass, buttons) with the aim of making an alarm system. They will have to write their own computer code to achieve this. You can head to www.microbit.org to practise coding even if you don't own a micro:bit.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>Our driving question this half-term is 'Was Oliver Cromwell protecting democracy or stealing the throne?'</p>  <p>The children will be learning about the English Civil War and how it has shaped democracy in this country.</p> <p>We will learn about the causes and outcomes of the war by studying key historical figures, the war's decisive battles and weaponry used. The war culminated in the execution of King Charles I and is regarded by many historians as one of the most significant events in English history. Our driving question will allow us to study and debate the struggle for power between the crown and parliament.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for your diary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Growth Mindset</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p>
<p>04/01/2021 - Spring 1 begins 12/02/2021 - Last day of Spring 1</p>	<p>We will be continuing to focus on a growth mindset approach to our learning, providing pupils with challenges that require perseverance, determination and resilience.</p> 	<p>In PSHE, we will be discussing our ambitions, both short and long-term. We will look at what it takes to achieve our goals and learn that failure is key to success.</p> 