



Be the BEST You Can Be

Class 6 Newsletter

Term 3 2024

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope you all have a wonderful rest over Christmas with family and friends. I am excited to be returning to St. Mary's and in to Year 6. Term 3 will be a busy one as we start the year 2024 with plenty of learning.



What we are learning

Our topic this term is based around the book 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. It is a fictional book set in 1896 in a Victorian England but with an alternative history: steampunk, mechanical animals, clockwork servants and silver airships.

We will be developing our descriptive writing and building on our grammar and punctuation knowledge using the book as inspiration. We will then be writing our own adventure stories.

Since this story is set in Victorian times, our history topic will be learning about the achievements of the Victorian era and what life was like during this time.

In maths, we will be learning about ratio and algebra, as well as reviewing our learning on fractions and multiplication and division.

In art we will be creating our own 'Mechanimals' based on our class book. This will involve developing our skills of sketching from real life and close observational work.

Our unit in Science is 'Light'. This will involve planning our own investigations, taking measurements, recording data, and using scientific evidence to support ideas.

In RE, we will be learning about the enquiry question: creation and science: conflicting or complementary? The children will be continuing to develop respect and inquisitiveness of other faiths and traditions. Our school value this term is perseverance and we will be discussing this in whole school and key stage worships.

In PE, our unit will be rugby – the girls will be working with Bath Rugby as part of a focus in growing girls' confidence in sports and the boys will be having their own rugby sessions with Mr Pile.

In French, we will be continuing to practise our skills of speaking and listening and developing our vocabulary around the topic of 'At the weekend'.

Reading

We are very excited to have a brand-new library at the school, opened by local author Stewart Foster, as well as new books in the classroom – many of which have been chosen by the class! Reading has been proven to have many, many benefits including: improving concentration and vocabulary, developing imagination and teaches us about the world around us. I'm sure you would agree that it is a valuable skill!

Please continue helping your child to read at home and sign their reading record so they are recognised and rewarded for their efforts in reading at home. Here are some questions you can ask your child about what they've read:

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| Predict it! | ...predict what might happen from what you have read? <i>What happened first?</i> <i>Next? After that? Finally? Why?</i> |
| Understand it! | ...explain the meaning of the more difficult words in the book? <i>What doesmean?</i> <i>Which word means the same as...?</i> |
| Find it! | ...pick out information or key details from the book? <i>Which words....?</i> <i>Who? When? Where? What?</i> |
| Summarise it! | ...tell you the main points in an information book? <i>What have you learned from this page?</i> ...talk about the main parts of the story? <i>What is this paragraph or chapter about?</i> |
| Think about it! | ...think about what has happened in the book and give reasons why? <i>Which words tells you that....?</i> <i>How is the character feeling? How do you know?</i> |
| Link it! | ...talk about how things in the book link together? <i>What are the themes in the book? What is the big idea?</i> |
| Listen to it! | ...talk about why the writer has chosen words and phrases? <i>How does the book make you feel? Why?</i> <i>Are there parts of the book that you really enjoyed? Why?</i> |
| Compare it! | ...talk about different parts of the story or characters? <i>How do the characters change in the story?</i> <i>Does this book remind you of other stories that you have read?</i> |

Homework Project

As our topic next term is linked to The Victorians, for your homework project, I would like you to research, design and make a Victorian toy. You could try playing some over the festive period to get some ideas! I look forward to seeing them!

Winter Weather

Now the weather is a lot colder, please ensure your child comes to school every day with a warm, waterproof named coat. To take advantage of our amazing school grounds, it would be brilliant if each child has their own pair of wellies in school, which they can wear at lunch times on the field.

PE

Pupils will need to wear their PE kits to school on Tuesdays.

...and finally

As ever, if you have any worries or questions relating to your child and need a little more time, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to talk. It is important for us all that your children are happy at school, so please keep us informed of any concerns, no matter how small. You can contact me via Class Dojo during school hours and I will do my best to reply to you as soon as possible.

Miss Golden