

## Sycamore Class – Year 5/6

### Spring Term 2026

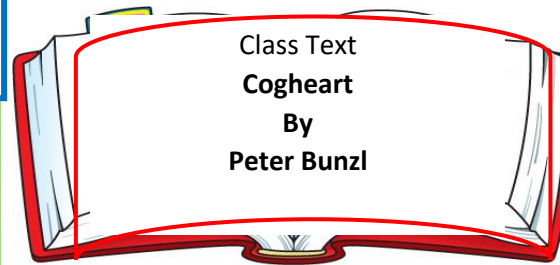
**As writers,** we will be reading the novel *Cogheart* by Peter Bunzl: A Victorian steampunk adventure about Lily, whose inventor father disappears in a zeppelin crash, leaving her to evade mysterious silver-eyed men while searching for him with her mechanical fox, Malkin. We will be writing our own suspense stories using the novel as a stimulus.

**As musicians,** after half term we will be learning about Islamic music, in particular the song *Nadina Tun Nabi* and creating accompaniments using percussion and tuned instruments.

**As scientists,** we will be learning about Light: how light travels; how we see; light sources and reflection. We will also be making and using shadow puppets.

**As linguists,** we will be learning how to use cause and effect language to talk about the weather.

**As readers,** we will continue to develop our prosody skills (reading aloud fluently and with appropriate expression). When discussing, analysing and writing about texts, we will continue to hone our inference skills and develop our ability to justify our opinions by using evidence from the text. Regular 'Whole Class Reading' of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts will help us to do this, as will performing our own written work.



**As artists and designers,** we will be studying the artist TS Lowry and creating our own screen prints inspired by his work.

**As mathematicians,** we will focus on long division, multiplying and dividing fractions, area perimeter and volume, and decimals.

**As thinkers,** we will be investigating the big question of 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'  
In **Life Skills** our topic is Dreams and Goals.

**As historians and geographers,** we will be doing a local history study of our school using the Victorian log book, registers and punishment books.

We will then learn about workhouses and child poverty, looking at the life and work of Doctor Barnado. We will contrast the lives of Victorian and modern day children.

**In Computing,** we will be learning about systems and searching as part of our Systems and Networks unit.

#### Links to our ARC school values

**Aspiration** – we will aspire to do our best in every lesson, every day and to fulfil our potential as learners and in all other aspects of our lives. **Respect** – we will treat everyone around us with respect and consideration. We will also respect ourselves by appreciating our worth and looking after our physical and mental health. **Community** – We will welcome new, and returning, adults and children into our Naburn family and ensure that they feel at home as quickly as possible.

**PE** – children will have **PE every Friday** this half term .

**Homework** – spellings are sent home each week and times tables should continue to be practised regularly. Additional, voluntary **Home Learning activities** can also be chosen (please see website). Please share your child's work with their teacher as we would love to celebrate it. **Y5/6 should read for 20 minutes 5x per week** and this should be recorded in their reading records. Reading books and Records must be brought into school every day please.