







CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY – Year Group Overview of Themes

Year 5/6 – Cycle 1

Autumn 1 - ID Science Focus	Autumn 2 - A Child's War History Focus	Spring 1 - Blood Heart Science Focus
		
<p>Who do you think you are? Let's discover what makes you...you!</p> <p>From your fingerprints and footprints, genes and DNA, everything is unique to you. Explore the world of human identity: how we tell each other apart or how to solve a crime!</p> <p>Remember to love being you... because there's only one you: you're one of a kind!</p>	<p>A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. It's 1939 and Britain is at war.</p> <p>Deep in the Andersen shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make their long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory.</p> <p>We'll read the Diary of Anne Frank and empathise with her hopes and fears. 'Make Do and Mend' – we'll try to cook up a family meal from rations.</p> <p>As peace is declared get ready to celebrate!</p>	<p>A topic where there's no time to be squeamish.</p> <p>We will dissect an animal heart and explore the circulation system. After looking closely at the veins, arteries and chambers we will discover how they work hard to move the blood around our bodies.</p> <p>We will find out how to keep the heart happy with cardiovascular exercise and consider the importance of healthy eating.</p> <p>Can you persuade people to see the damage cause to the lungs by smoking? Join us and see!</p>
Fiction: Wonder	The Diary of Anne Frank	Fiction: Pig Heart Boy (Blackman)
Non-Fiction: Recounts	Non-fiction - Recounts	Non-fiction – Explanation Texts

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Spring 2 Darwin's Delight Science Focus	Summer 1 – Tomorrow's World Technology Focus	Summer 2 – Hola Mexico! Performance Focus
		
<p>We're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and crew on HMS Beagle.</p> <p>Can you trace his route across the ocean? Stop at the magical Galapagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Darwin develop his theory of evolution by natural selection.</p> <p>See how animals adapt to their environment over time and meet some of the world's greatest explorers and naturalists. Imagine how humans will evolve.</p> <p>Ready to trace the origin of species? Let's set sail!</p>	<p>(Y6 will be spending much of their time preparing for and sitting tests during this time.)</p> <p>The Tomorrow's World Theme looks at text messages, emails, websites, blogs and podcasts – there are so many ways to communicate.</p> <p>Learn how to set up your own class blog; suggest changes to your school website; build robots and circuits; break codes and investigate gadgets galore.</p> <p>Let's start today on tomorrow's world.</p>	<p>Welcome to Mexico!</p> <p>Get ready to explore this unique country, from its Towering Temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals.</p> <p>Concoct a traditional fruit cocktail or a delicious Mexican meal. Discover the mysterious world of the ancient Maya civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry, play their ballgame and follow their curious rituals.</p> <p>Join a tribe and make some noise!</p>
Fiction: Skellig (Almond)	Fiction – TBC	Plays, poetry, performance
Non-fiction –Discussion Texts	Non-fiction - TBC	Non-fiction – Postcards, instructions