







CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY – Year Group Overview of Themes

Year 5/6 – Cycle 2

Autumn 1 – Peasants, Princes & Pestilence	Autumn 2 - Alchemy Island	Spring 1 - Stargazers
History Focus	Science Focus	Science Focus
		
<p>Flee your fields, close your doors and pull up the drawbridge: the dreaded and deathly 'Great Pestilence' is here!</p> <p>Y5 will mount their steed and gallop through the dark and deadly world of 14th century Britain, sword and shield at the ready, pledging their allegiance to king and country. They will rouse the troops with promises of bloody battle and violent jousts.</p> <p>Read and write historical accounts, poems and tales and discover the grotesque effects of bugs and bacteria on the human body.</p> <p>If they smell a rat, you'd better get out!</p>	<p>It's time to suspend our disbelief and open our minds as we journey to Alchemy Island!</p> <p>With a map and riddle in hand, we will go in search of the gold hidden deep om the island's mysterious landscape.</p> <p>On the way, we will learn about gold and master the ancient art of alchemy in an attempt to impress the island's team of ace alchemists.</p> <p>After designing a torch to help us on our journey, and with our map, co-ordinates and everything else we need to make our way across the island, let the journey begin....</p>	<p>We will journey through space, the final frontier...Navigate beyond the Sun, the magnificent, blazing star at the centre of our solar system!</p> <p>We will investigate the eight planets and take a look at the moon. Work scientifically to investigate gravity and what happens when there is none! We will compare the time of day at different places on earth and get in a spin making simple models of the solar system.</p> <p>Then it's 3, 2, 1 .. Blast OFF when we build and launch a rocket for an important test mission.</p>
Fiction – Tale of Fear	Fiction – Myths & Legends	Fiction – Cosmic journey
Non-fiction - Recount	Non-fiction – Non chronological report	Non-fiction – Newspaper report

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Spring 2 – Pharaohs	Summer 1 - Allotment	Summer 2 - Off with her Head
History Focus	Geography Focus	History focus
		
<p>In this topic, we will travel back 5000 years to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, enter a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings.</p> <p>We will find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Unravel the secrets of ancient tombs, powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods.</p> <p>As an apprentice for the chief embalmer at the Beautiful House, we will help him prepare a body for its journey into the afterlife.</p> <p>Who knows what treasures we will find?</p>	<p>Let's grow! A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce or a tasty tomato. We'll be digging deep making our own tubs and planters and nurturing our greens, learning about farms and where food comes from.</p> <p>We'll discover which allotments are closest to our school and open the door to the secret garden.</p> <p>After harvesting our crops, we'll sell our produce and work out our prices to make sure we make a profit not a loss!</p> <p>Will we end up with green fingers?</p>	<p>We will travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history.</p> <p>We'll discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour – and even swifter falling of head!</p> <p>We'll develop our painting skills and solve riddles while protecting our precious neck with a large white ruff. We will become a criminal investigator finding out the facts. But how will we find the accused... innocent or guilty?</p> <p>It's our turn to take part in one of the most famous trials the world has ever known!</p>
Fiction – Mystery	Fiction – Poetry	Fiction – Overcoming the Monster
Non-fiction – Instructions	Non-fiction - Explanation	Non-fiction - Persuasion