







CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY – Year Group Overview of Themes

Year 3/4 – Cycle 1

Autumn 1 – Mighty Metals Science Focus	Autumn 2 – Tremors Geography Focus	Spring 1 – Tribal Tales History Focus
		
<p>You're an engineer, a scientist, a maker of men (iron men, of course). Explore the scientific world of forces and magnetism, metals and materials... Expand your mind as you test and trial, build and move.</p> <p>Which force is at play as you slide down a slide or swing on a swing? Can you explain why magnets repel and attract? Can you make a penny look shiny and new or build a steel band from pots and pans?</p> <p>If you were a metal, which one would you be? Gold, a shimmering, precious and costly mineral? Or steel, that strong and useful alloy? Maybe you're iron, malleable and easy to shape, but ready to rust!</p> <p>Maybe you're not a metal at all – but a force to be reckoned with!</p>	<p>Tremors. Overwhelming and mighty, Mother Nature's awesome energies hiss and roar deep within the Earth. Plates collide, spewing lava. Rocks rain down and mud slides in torrents. Towns and cities vanish under ashen clouds.</p> <p>Discover the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters, and glimpse their savage and deadly effects. Visit the ancient city of historic Pompeii, frozen in time, then create your own blistering explosions from model volcanoes that fire foamy lava.</p> <p>Discover the properties of rocks shaped by Earth's breathtaking power.</p>	<p>Take a moment to step outside and stand quietly and still. Turn off all technology and try to forget the modern world. Imagine this place 5000 years ago. What would you have seen?</p> <p>Head back to prehistoric times (it's a long time ago) to gather berries and hunt down dinner. Unearth ancient objects and visit astonishing mystical monuments that reveal the secrets of an ancient time.</p> <p>Learn how the people of Britain developed over thousands of years, from Stone Age to the Roman invasion.</p> <p>What tribal tales will you have to tell?</p>
Fiction – Traction Man is Here!	Fiction – Hadrian the Dog of Pompeii	Fiction – Stig of the Dump
Non-fiction - Recounts	Non-fiction – Newspaper Reports	Non-fiction – Persuasive Writing

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Spring 2 - Predators	Summer 1 – Scrumdiddlyumptious!	Summer 2 – Gods and Mortals
Science Focus	D&T Focus	History Focus
		
<p>It's time to take a walk on the wild side! Find out who's coming to visit....is it a bug-munching lizard or an eagle-eyed bird of prey? Whatever it is, do you think you can handle it?</p> <p>Learn about creepy crocs and amazing alligators, the deadly assassin bug and the voracious Venus flytrap. Be inspired to write an informative leaflet all about your favourite predator or its prey.</p> <p>Then use what you know about the best of the beasts to create the ultimate predator; the apex of the chain. Feeling peckish? Let's jump about the food chain!</p>	<p>Tuck in and enjoy a yummy journey of discovery, tasting fantastic fruits, venerable vegetables and tantalizing treats! Work up an appetite with delicious stories about food, have fun with a vegetable orchestra or become a fruity sculpture.</p> <p>Find exciting recipes to read and write your own too. Then get busy in the kitchen making tasty dishes from across the world and discover how good food helps you grow fit and strong.</p> <p>And here's food for thought – if you are what you eat...what does that make YOU?</p>	<p>From nothingness came chaos; from chaos came air and water; from and water came life! Then, rising majestically from the darkness, came Gaia, Mother Earth, a beacon of warmth and light.</p> <p>Discover a fantastical world full of mythical creatures and legendary heroes. Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis and Zeus reign almighty from Mount Olympus, watching mere mortals on dusty Athenian streets. Meet Theseus, the hero, and Helen of Troy, the beautiful face that launched a thousand ships.</p> <p>Explore the terrains of Greece, where in pure blue skies, the sun scorches waxen wings and melts the fortunes of Icarus and Daedalus. Then decide your own fate when a mysterious box is found and stirs your curious mind.</p>
Fiction – The Sheep Pig	Fiction – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Fiction – Greek Myths
Non-fiction – Non-chronological reports	Non-fiction – Instructions	Non-fiction – Explanation Texts