CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY – Year Group Overview of Themes

Y5/6 Overview – Cycle

Autumn 1 – Pharaohs	Autumn 2 - Alchemy Island	Spring 1 - Off with her Head
History Focus	Science Focus	History focus
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. 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. As an apprentice for the chief embalmer at the Beautiful House, we will help him prepare a body for its journey into the afterlife. Who knows what treasures we will find?	It's time to suspend our disbelief and open our minds as we journey to Alchemy Island! With a map and riddle in hand, we will go in search of the gold hidden deep om the island's mysterious landscape. 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. 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	We will travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. 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! 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? It's our turn to take part in one of the
Fiction – Mystery	Fiction – Myths & Legends	Fiction – Overcoming the Monster
Non-fiction – Instructions	Non-fiction – Non chronological report	Non-fiction - Persuasion

Spring 2 - Stargazers	Summer 1 - Allotment	Summer 2 - Revolutions
Science Focus	Geography Focus	History Focus
We will journey through space, the final	Let's grow! A crispy carrot, a luscious	Are you listening, boy? What is 27 plus 45?
frontierNavigate beyond the Sun, the	lettuce or a tasty tomato. We'll be digging	Come on – faster now; we haven't got all
magnificent, blazing star at the centre of our solar system!	deep making our own tubs and planters and nurturing our greens, learning about	day! Find out about super-strict schools by
We will investigate the eight planets and	farms and where food comes from.	travelling back in time to a Victorian
take a look at the moon. Work scientifically	We'll discover which allotments are closest	classroom.
to investigate gravity and what happens when there is none! We will compare the	to our school and open the door to the secret garden.	Discover a time when great minds thought new thoughts and ingenious inventors
time of day at different places on earth and	After harvesting our crops, we'll sell our	created so many things we take for granted
get in a spin making simple models of the	produce and work out our prices to make	today: the electric light bulb, the telephone
solar system. Then it's 3, 2, 1 Blast OFF when we build	sure we make a profit not a loss!	and even the flushing loo!
and launch a rocket for an important test	Will we end up with green fingers?	Full steam ahead to the Victorian Age!
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Fiction – Cosmic journey	Fiction – Poetry	Fiction – Tale of Fear
Non-fiction – Newspaper report	Non-fiction - Explanation	Non-fiction - Recount