



Year 5

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another exciting half term of learning. This half term will again be an undoubtedly busy one, filled with exciting learning opportunities for all students across all areas of the curriculum and will see Year 5 move towards a more science-led topic. We enjoyed our visit to the ancient realms of Egypt and the Pharaohs and are ready to use those skills gained during historical investigations to begin to do so scientifically.



ALCHEMY ISLAND

Imaginative Learning
Project for Year 5 children

We're going on a magical journey to find the gold hidden somewhere on Alchemy Island. This half term, a mysterious visitor will arrive to present us with artefacts from the island. Reading stories set in fantasy worlds will inspire our story openings. We'll manipulate digital photographs, adding fantastical special effects.

Our geography skills will improve as we look closely at maps of Alchemy Island, plotting routes and using co-ordinates. We'll examine samples from the island, explore the properties of materials and experiment with changes of state. If we're going to find gold, we'd better find out all about it!

We'll compose raps and use sound effects and mood music to reflect the atmosphere on Alchemy Island. At the end of the project, we'll perform songs about our amazing adventure and present what we have learned.

We'll also be linking our learning with our study of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare through these performances and creations and look forward to performing them for you and the school at a date to be determined.

Home Learning

Home learning in Year 5 will consist of a combination of reading, reading comprehension, spelling and grammar, maths and Topic.

Home learning includes:

Reading for 30mins each night and set reading comprehension questions per week

Maths: 5 Mathematics tasks per week

Spelling: 10 words to be practised and learnt for dictation assessment per week

Alchemy Island home learning task to be handed in by Monday Dec 19.

Home learning will be given out on a Monday and will be monitored for completion the following Monday.

Home learning will be both marked by the teacher and the students as the process of answering some of the KS2-type questions is what will be the focus of the learning. Tasks marked collaboratively will be completed the week after the home learning has been handed in.

Maths & English

This half term will include the study of the following areas:

Maths:

- Add whole numbers with more than 4-digits (column method)
- Subtract whole numbers with more than 4-digits (column method)
- Round to estimate and approximate Inverse operations (addition and subtraction)
- Multi-step addition and subtraction problems
- Read and interpret line graphs
- Draw line graphs
- Use line graphs to solve problems
- Read and interpret tables
- Two way tables
- Timetables

English:

The Tempest by William Shakespeare

Descriptions; plays; diary entries; role-plays; play-scripts; comparisons; narratives

Class Novel

Year 5 will be collectively reading:



R.E. & P.E.

R.E.:

Who is Jesus?

Christmas through music and art

P.E.:

Thursdays: Wear P.E. kit to school
AND bring swimming kit.

Fridays: Wear FULL SCHOOL
UNIFORM, bring P.E. kit in school bag.

Getting in touch

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions by making an appointment through the office.

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