

English

Writing- We will be writing our own soliloquies, based on famous monologues from plays. We will also be writing an informal letter and our very own fantasy narrative to create a class book.

GPS- Children will learn about different clauses, including subordinate and relative clauses. They will learn how to use a semi-colon to punctuate their work. We will be challenging ourselves to upgrade our sentences!

Reading- Boy in The Tower will be our guided reading text. We will explore the story as well as think carefully about the author's choices when writing.

We will continue reading our class books too!

Computing

In computing we will be using iPads to film us performing our soliloquies, as well as keeping up with our times table practice by using Times Tables Rock Stars.

R.E.

We will continue to look at core concepts of Hinduism, focusing on ways Hindus worship and how their religion differs from other major religions.

Term 4 - Year 5

Alchemy Island



Foreign languages French

This term we will be continuing to learn French using the scheme Early Start. Children will learn to count to thirty, days of the week and months of the year. They will then create their own invitation in French to show off their learning.

Art & DT

This term children will focus on the work of Rothko, creating a multi-media image. They will also develop a board game, using design criteria and different materials.

P.E.

Children will be swimming this half-term. They will walk to Didcot Wave and have a short athletics-based PE session before then practising their swimming skills.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials and their properties, including:

- solids, liquids and gases
- reversible and irreversible changes
- how to separate mixtures through different methods
- studying how chemists find new materials
- studying a famous scientist

Topic

We will be learning all about Alchemy Island, a fictional fantasy land full of multiple kingdoms. We will be focusing on map reading skills, plotting routes using six figure grid references as well as using the eight points of a compass.

We will then design our own fantasy map using a range of materials, thinking carefully about physical geography.

PSHE

As a school we are following the Jigsaw Scheme. Our focus this term is 'Healthy Me'. We will look at how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Useful Information

- Swimming/PE kit needed on Fridays
- Regular times table practise using Times Table Rockstars
- Spelling to be learnt weekly
- Children should read regularly at home and write in their reading record
- All children to have the correct uniform and equipment for school
- School shoes are to be plain black and are to be worn indoors and outdoors
- Drawstring bags and book bags only please
- No personal footballs
- No personal pencil cases

Maths

We will be learning all about decimals, including using bar models to show how they relate to whole numbers. We will add, subtract and multiply, and solve problems in various contexts.

We will revisit our prior learning about multiplication and division, particularly the formal methods for how to calculate these with a range of numbers.

We will also be continuing to secure our times tables facts, particularly the 7s, 8s and 12s. Children can use Times Table Rockstars to practise at home.