



This Term...

Our new topic in Year 5 is “**Alchemy Island**”

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.

Our geography skills will improve as we look closely at maps of Alchemy Island, plotting routes and using coordinates. 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!



Our first topic in Year 6 is “**Blood Heart!**”

Let’s explore our circulatory system!

At the start of our project, we’ll dissect an animal heart, finding out about the different parts and how the blood flows.

We’ll use a data logger to measure our heart rates and test how it is affected by exercise.

We’ll learn about how smoking affects the heart and visit the ‘Give blood’ website, and make a flow diagram to illustrate the circulation process.



Thought of the term...

“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.”

The importance of reading...

Child A reads for 20 minutes at home every school day. That is 3800 minutes per year. From EYFS- Y6 that is 73 ½ complete school days.



Who will decode quicker? Who will have the better vocabulary? Who will be able to access more of their learning? Who is more likely to achieve higher results at school?

Child B reads for 5 minutes at home every school day. That is 950 minutes per year. From EYFS- Y6 that is 18 ½ complete school days.



Child C reads for 1 minute at home every school day. That is 190 minutes per year. From EYFS- Y6 that is ½ a complete school day.



Reminders

Reading - We encourage all parents/carers to read three times a week with their children at home to further develop their child’s reading skills. Please remember to record this in your child’s Reading Record. In Year 6, some of the more advanced books are from the Young Adult section. If you have any concerns about your child’s reading book, please speak to their class teacher.

Homework – Children receive 2 pieces of My Maths homework each week. Please ensure your child completes this.

TTRS – It is beneficial for all children to regularly play on TTRS at home to improve their recall of times tables and the related division facts.

PE kits need to be in school every day, they need to be named and suitable for outdoor PE.

