

Croughton All Saints CofE Primary School

Maple Class Learning Letter



ALCHEMY ISLAND



It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island. Can you find the gold hidden deep within the island's mysterious landscape? The only way is to study the map, unravel the riddle and begin your adventure. On the way, you must do all you can to learn about gold and master the ancient art of alchemy. Be creative and try to impress the island's team of ace alchemists. Will they praise your scientific expertise? What if there were a video game version of Alchemy Island? Could you compose a stunning soundtrack to bring this mysterious landscape to life? You've got your map, coordinates and everything else you need to make your way across Alchemy Island. Don't forget to pack your imagination. Got your suitcase ready? Then let the journey begin.

English

We begin this term by looking at setting descriptions on our fantasy islands. We will study the book 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. This will lead on to writing stories set on the island. We will also be looking at Macbeth and The Tempest by Shakespeare.

Maths

Our first area of study will be plotting and writing co-ordinates in all four quadrants. We will use co-ordinates to translate and reflect shapes. We then move on to decimals and percentages. Throughout the term, we will be practicing skills, rehearsing knowledge and applying understanding in practical contexts.

Science and Computing

We will learn about testing materials and separating mixtures in science. We will be asking the questions can you clean dirty water and do all solids dissolve? Our computing unit is to create and edit a short video. We will be learning about a variety of filming techniques and will continue with our online safety lessons.

Creative development and DT

In music we will be using various instruments to create a magical soundtrack. We will be listening and responding to a variety of soundtracks to describe the moods they create. In art, we will study the painting 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' Claude-Joseph Vernet, 1773. We will be looking at examples of landscapes and will use mixed media to create our own art.

Physical Development

Our PE lessons will be yoga and swimming this term.

Personal, Social and Health Education and Religious Education

In RE, we will be asking the question 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?' We will also continue with the LifeWise programme for PSHE. This begins with us considering democracy and British values.

Further Information

TUESDAY PE DAY –please wear your kit to school

WEDNESDAY SWIMMING – please wear your swimming kit under your uniform



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