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Dear Parents,

Our Topic for this half term is Alchemy Island. We will be going on a magical journey to find hidden gold on Alchemy Island. We are going to use our imaginations to help plot our route to this mystery island.

Our learning:

- In Reading, our class texts will be *The Shadow Forest* by Matt Haig. The key skill that we will be focussing on in Reading is to explore the effect of figurative language found in texts.
- In Writing, we will be producing travel guides for our selected destinations. In addition to this we will be creating potion poetry based on 'Macbeth' by Macbeth.
- In Maths, we are learning how to multiply fractions, and add and subtract decimal numbers.
- In Science, we will be developing our scientific enquiry by observing changes over different periods of time. We will be focussing on what makes our results reliable.
- In Geography, we will be reading six figure grid references. We will use these skills to help us to plan our routes to our magical islands.
- In R.E. we will be exploring Christian values and deciding if we believe that Christians can live by the values of Jesus in the 21st century.
- In P.E. we are applying skills effectively to perform a specific position in sports.
- In PSHE, we will be working on our growth mindset through the programme 'Happy Minds'.
- In Art, we will be painting a portrait which shows emotion in the style of Francis Bacon.
- In Music, we will be improvising and composing music as the soundtrack to our poetry.

Can we please ask that you support your child at home in ensuring they know fluently, their times tables (we recommend using Times Tables Rockstars website).

We expect that they are reading each day independently and to you and they have opportunities to be read to by an adult. Can we ask that you also ensure their home learning projects are completed on time.

You can also use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test their recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team



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Home Learning Projects:

- Find an example of a travel brochure and annotate how it persuades you to travel to this destination
- Create a leaflet persuading people to visit your made up magical island
- Write a short fantasy story where your character(s) visit a magical island
- Research some of Francis Bacon's work and recreate a piece of artwork of your choice in a similar style
- Write a list of 7 values that you think are most important to live by in the 21st century. Give an explanation for each of the values that you select
- Pick 5 random foreign countries, and research how long it will take you to travel there from the UK
- Create a colourful mindmap of the key vocabulary off the Alchemy Island knowledge organiser