

# Year 4: Wacky Wonderland!

As writers we will recount a section of the Alice in Wonderland story. We will use an action packed and fast paced chapter and take on the role of a main character. Using this narrative we will write our own recounts using time phrases to join sections together. Following this, we will research facts about our character and use this information to create an informative biography.

*During this topic the children will uncover the delights of Lewis Carroll and the rich literary heritage he brings to his book. They will meet and get to know many of the author's favourite characters across a variety of curriculum areas.*

In Art, we will learn how to sketch character portraits with inspiration drawn from Lewis Carroll's creation. We will use different mediums to create different effects.



As scientists we will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will link this to the potions Alice drank. We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure the temperature at which this happens. We will also look at evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

In Geography we will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries, cities and places of interest. We will look at four and six-figure grid references, symbols and keys (including Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the UK and the wider world.

Home Learning: As independent learners we would like the children to design and make a model of their favourite Alice in Wonderland character. They can use any materials they want from junk modeling to paper mache or modeling clay to art straws. We hope to create a KS2 gallery of all their masterpieces at the end of the term.

## Curriculum Drivers

**Rizzy Respect:** We will think about some of the reasons that Lewis Carroll is such a respected author and talk about ways that people earn respect. We will then think about people we respect in our own lives and how we can earn respect ourselves.

**Astro Aspirations:** We will look at some of the characters in Lewis Carroll's books and how they overcame barriers in their fictional lives. We will think about how Alice has big dreams and talk about some of the big dreams that we have.

**Planet Belonging:** The whole of KS2 will work together on book topics and contribute towards a joint outcome. There will be lots of chances for different year groups to work together throughout the topic and create a sense of belonging for our first topic of the new academic year.