

The Alchemist's letter

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The activities in this pack are designed to use with the following clip...

<https://www.literacyshed.com/the-almchemists-letter.html>

We will be continuing to use this clip over the next two weeks for our work

Monday – more memories

We are getting near to the end of our time together as Orchard Class. Some of us will be returning as Year 6's in September, some of us will be off on new adventures at Secondary school.

Today let's take some time to think about our memories of school. For Year 5 you only need to think about this year – the trips, lessons, any memories you have. For Year 6, think about your whole time at St. Margaret's.

Spend some time writing out your memories – make sure that this is your best writing. Then please send these to me and I shall create a blog post for us to remember our time together. Use the work from Thursday to help you with this.

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Tuesday – descriptive writing

Use the image below (it is from 0:52 of the film). Write a third person narrative describing the scene.

Try to use the DADWAVERS approach

Description

Action

Dialogue

Where

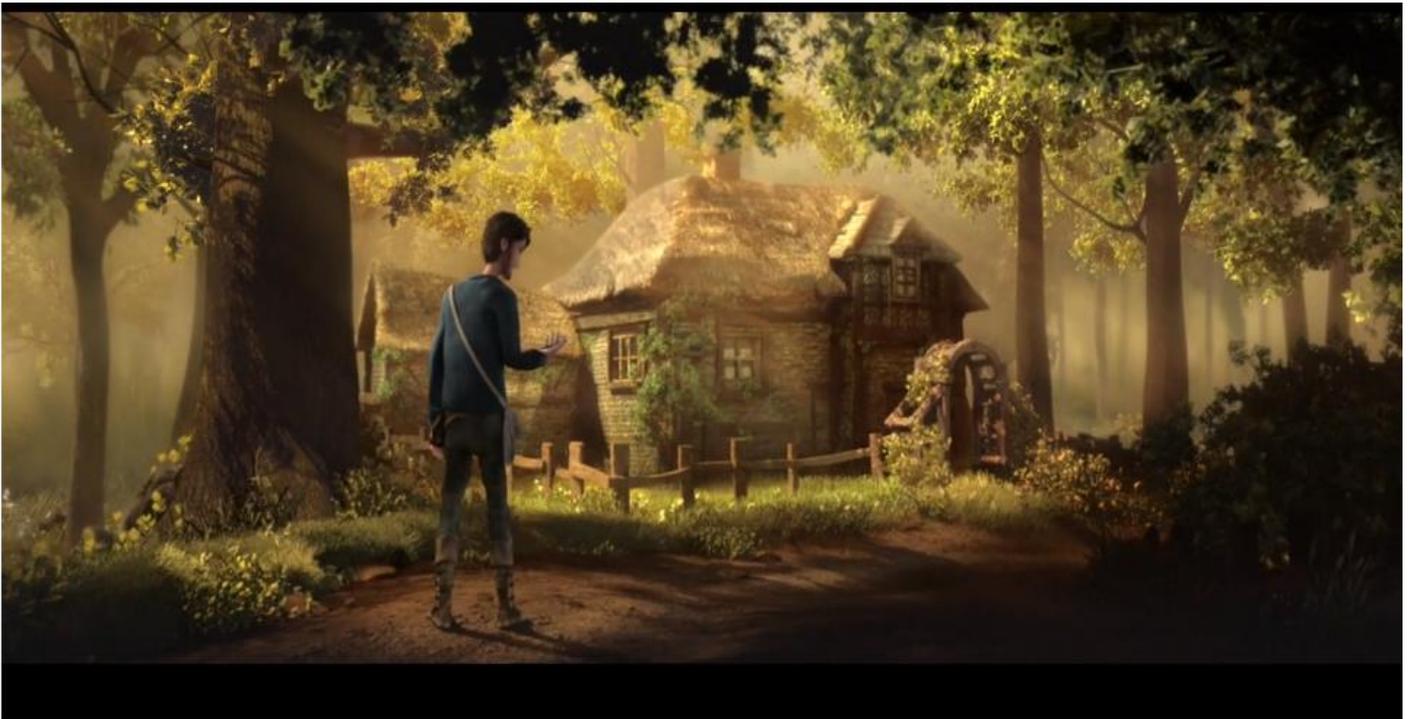
Adverbial

Verb

Estimation of time

Rhetorical questions

Similes or metaphors



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Wednesday – symbolism

We are going to think today about symbolism. Think about a beach ball. What does that remind you of? The sun, the beach, being happy. What about a teddy bear? I would like you to watch the film again, stopping at different points and then thinking about what the symbolism of certain items are (what do they remind you of? What theme is the author trying to convey?)

Symbolism	Explanation
A blanket	Babies, keeping warm, being wrapped up, love
0:56 The key in Verideon's hand.	
1:15 The letter.	
1:40 The image of Nicholas and his wife sitting on the peaceful cliff edge together.	
1:48 The image containing a baby.	
2:19 The fire within which Nicholas and his wife are depicted.	
2:22 The smoky creature.	
2:36 The blossom tree shrouded in smoke.	
3:04 The boat in the storm.	
3:14 The maze feature of the machine.	
3:27 The pocket watch.	
3:46 The smashed glass of the machine piece.	
4:10 The drawing plans for the machine	

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Thursday – a range of conjunctions

Today I would like you to write two paragraphs about Nicholas. They can either be about the process of making the machine or about how he felt when he realised what was happening to his life because of the machine.

Try to include some of these conjunctions in your writing:

Although	However	Therefore
Consequently	Significantly	On the other hand
Whereas	Otherwise	In hindsight
Furthermore	Suddenly	At that moment
Soon after	Meanwhile	Eventually