



# Kidbrooke Park Primary School

## Year 5 Curriculum Overview

### Spring 1 Term 2

#### Reading

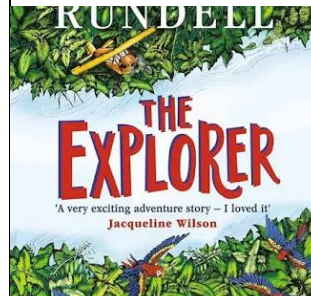
Our focus author this term is HL Dennis. Originally from Brighton, her favourite books growing up were the Hobbit by JRR Tolkien and the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis. Once she had finished school, she trained as a junior school teacher. Whilst training she also worked in a bookshop!

In 2013 she published her now bestselling series the Secret Breakers. This six book adventure series follows a team of young code-crackers and their friends through interlocking adventures as they battle to solve the mystery of the world's most mysterious unbroken code! Each book involves a self-contained adventure and although the books can be read in any order, the six books work together, like a puzzle in themselves, building towards one dramatic conclusion and translation of the central code!



#### English

We will be studying the text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell - it is an adventure novel about four children whose plane crashes in the Amazon rainforest. Stranded in the jungle, they must learn to survive by finding food, building shelter, and working together. As they explore deeper into the forest, they discover evidence that someone else is living there — leading to mystery, danger, and exciting discoveries. The story explores themes of resilience, teamwork, courage, and respect for the natural world. In Year 5, children will use *Explorer* as inspiration for their writing. They will be writing persuasive letters and newspaper reports.



#### Maths

In our Maths lessons, we will be carrying on with decimals and percentages. Again, (as always), the children really need to continue to practise their times tables and division facts. Secure knowledge of these, will really help them focus on the new learning.



#### Science

In Science, we are continuing our study of materials. The children will be grouping and identifying materials according to their properties. They will be studying chemical changes that take place in a material when it undergoes different processes.



#### Geography

We will be continuing to learn about all things South American! We will be learning more about the Amazon Rainforest.



## Computing

In Computing, the children will be looking at recognising on-line bullying and how they can best deal with it if it occurs.



## Art/DT

We will be continuing to learn about and recreate the art of Charles Keeping using his techniques.

We will move on to DT, where we will be designing and building electrical circuits with the aim of building an alarm system.



## RE

We will be continuing to explore Buddhism and the Buddhist teachings. The children will learn about the Buddhist communities and how Buddhist monks follow the Dharma.

They will learn about different buildings and places around the World which are significant to Buddhists.



## PSHE

Our focus this term will be on health and wellbeing. The children will be learning about who can help to keep us safe and how they do this. They will be learning about the different ways in which people can accidentally hurt themselves and why we deal with each type of injury differently. They will also be learning about the best way that they can help in an



emergency.

## French

In our French lessons we will be focussing on learning how to tell the time in French. Children will be learning the French words for hours, minutes, quarter to and quarter past. It would be great if they could practise both the French and the English at home!



## PE

PE days:  
5AZ - Tuesday  
5SR – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child is prepared with the correct kit that is suitable for winter and that all items are correctly labelled.

-White T-shirt  
-Black/navy/ blue leggings / tracksuit bottoms (not too long or baggy) / shorts  
-Plimsolls / trainers

Please note that 5AZ will be attending swimming lessons this half term and for the summer term.

## Homework

Homework is set on a Thursday and is due the following Wednesday.

The content of the homework will be based around our learning that week.

Please make sure your child practises their spellings each week as they will be tested on Fridays.

Your child needs to read each and every night. We would suggest for about twenty minutes.

Thank you for your help with this!