



Kidbrooke Park Primary School

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2

English and Reading



In English, the children will continue to read the exciting book *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. The children are really enjoying the adventure, and it has been wonderful to spend extended time exploring the story together. This has helped deepen their understanding of how narratives are structured. The children will be writing their own survival guides, inspired by the challenges faced in the story, thinking carefully about how to stay safe and resourceful in the jungle. They will also be writing narrative pieces, drawing on key events and using descriptive language to bring their ideas to life.

Maths

Following on from last half-term, the children will be going back to looking at decimal numbers as well as negative ones. There will be a short daily focus on the application of the four operations. The children must continue to focus on their times table knowledge as this will help them solve the questions.

Reading

Our author focus this term is Michael Morpurgo, a much-loved British writer known for his powerful and emotional storytelling. The children will explore a range of his texts, discovering how he brings characters to life and often writes about themes such as friendship, courage, and the impact of war.

PE

5AZ will continue to go swimming. They will also practice athletics. 5SR will be developing cricket and athletics skills.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is prepared with the correct kit and that all items are correctly labelled. White T-shirt, Black or navy-blue leggings/ tracksuit bottoms (not

Science



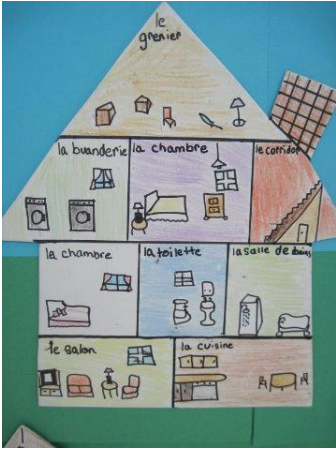
We will be looking at the topic of *Animals including Humans*. The children will be learning about the differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They will be learning about the process of reproduction in plants and animals. Children will be able to describe the changes in humans as they develop from a baby to old age.



Geography

The children will be further exploring the Amazon rainforest. This term we will be looking at the tribes who still call it home as well as the flora and fauna that can be found there.



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<p align="center"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>In Computing the children will be exploring how to stay safe online. We will be looking at how to stay safe whilst playing games and the importance of recognising who is and isn't a friend online.</p> 	<p align="center"><u>RE</u></p> <p>In RE, we will be looking at the key theme of worship. The children will explore different types of worship and the similarities and differences between different religions.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Art</u></p> <p>This half-term, we will be studying Ted Harrison. Ted Harrison was a popular English-born artist, best known for his colourful and vibrant paintings of the Yukon region of Canada.</p> 	<p align="center"><u>French</u></p> <p>In French, the topic will be exploring 'The Home'. The children will be learning the different words for the rooms in most houses.</p> 
<p align="center"><u>Useful websites</u></p> <p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</p> <p>https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/</p> <p>https://www.audible.co.uk/cat/Childrens-Audiobooks</p> <p>https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/</p> <p>https://www.getepic.com/</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround</p>	<p align="center"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Homework is given out on Thursday. We would expect it back by Wednesday. We would also ask that children continue to practise their times tables and read to an adult every night.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p>Summer Fayre 10th July 2026</p> <p>Sports Day - 23rd June 2026</p> <p>Last day of term for children 16th July 2026</p>	