**ENGLISH Learn at Home packs: Year 5, Week 14**

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**The ‘timetable’ for this week’s teaching and learning is as follows**

* **Day 1** – Children explore the start of *The Paradise Garden* by Colin Thompson and then listen to a reading. They answer questions and write about the amazing illustrations.
* **Day 2** – Children listen to the story again. They make notes about the main character. They imagine and write about their own special place.
* **Day 3** – Children read a non-fiction article about alchemy and answer questions. They listen to *The Last Alchemist* by Colin Thompson and write about the illustrations. They compare the story to *King Midas*.
* **Day 4** – Children listen to the story again. They imagine and write about the trial of Spinifex. They read and learn a poem about alchemy
* **Day 5** – Children read Colin Thompson’s autobiography. They listen to both books and make comparisons. They use a structured story-planner to make up a new story for a Colin Thompson illustration.

Summary of content

**Day 1 –** Listen to an amazing story by Colin Thompson, *The Paradise Garden*. Use thesauruses. Make predictions. Write about the extraordinary illustrations.

**Day 2 –** Listen to the story again. Make character notes. Imagine a special place that you know or would like to know and write about this magical place.

**Day 3** – Read non-fiction: an article about alchemy. Listen to another story, *The Last Alchemist*, by the same author. Compare stories.

**Day 4** – Listen to the story again. Imagine and write a new scene. Read and learn a poem.

**Day 5** – Read an autobiography. Make comparisons between stories. Use a structured story planner to make up a new story to fit a Colin Thompson illustration.