



SECRET BREAKERS

THE POWER OF THREE



Use our Reading Guide to help you fulfil the new curriculum.

The new National Curriculum 2014 states this objective as one of its key aims:

“ **All pupils must be encouraged to read widely across both fiction and non-fiction to develop their knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live, to establish an appreciation and love of reading, and to gain knowledge across the curriculum.**”
English: The National Curriculum in England, 2014



Secret Breakers can be used successfully in the classroom to help develop a real love of reading. As *Secret Breakers* is a work of fiction which fully incorporates true events and characters from history, readers can not only enjoy the fast paced adventure but also be encouraged to investigate, via their own independent reading (on paper or screen), sections of real historical reference that capture their imagination; making it ideal to use in cross curricular work.

We have compiled this useful Reading Guide to help give you some ideas on how you can use *Secret Breakers* in the classroom. Here are some reasons why using *Secret Breakers* and its Reading Guide can help you.

- Written by the author of the *Secret Breakers* series who has 20 years experience of teaching in Junior Schools, ten of which have been as Subject Leader for English.
- Includes direct reference to the new National English Curriculum 2014.
- Section 2 of the guide is structured to make direct reference to all seven of the Assessment Foci for Reading, allowing teachers to ‘assess pupil progress’ and build in opportunities to ask questions that are specifically tailored to AFs for staff who still use APPs to monitor and track children’s reading development.
- Makes direct links to learning objectives across the Learning Strands 7, 8 10 and 11 previously used in the English Curriculum and makes reference to its relevance to the new curriculum. This allows for focused Reading and Writing teaching while the novel is being read.
- Each suggested session allows focus on one of three Reading skills i.e.: literal, deduction or inference, ensuring balanced coverage and opportunities to develop these core skills across the study of the novel.
- Written with the intention of enhancing the enjoyment of the *Secret Breakers* series and so allows for interesting and creative follow up work whilst tackling real teaching needs related to Reading. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the story fully without being made to feel they are simply answering comprehension questions).
- The *Secret Breakers* books incorporate not only narrative text but also logbook pages and note sections. Studying the book will extend the readers’ awareness of not only story but these other language formats which can be helped to develop their skills across the curriculum
- Extra information and follow up activities can be accessed to support classroom work from the author website www.hldennis.com. Links to this site have been provided throughout the guide where this is a relevant resource which can help you.