



Kidbrooke Park Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2 Term

Welcome back to another half term filled with learning. This term will be another long one so buckle in, we have plenty of exciting activities planned and we look forward to your continued support this half term.

Please try to complete the weekly homework with your children as it consolidates the learning that we do in class during the week.

As the weather gets colder, please wrap up warm and ensure your children have coats for playtime.

Mx Hayne-Hunte and Miss Nur

Apps and communication



Please log into to Times Table Rockstars and practise at home! The children's multiplication check is coming up, and we want them all to have the best chances possible!

Spelling Shed is another fun way to practise spellings and grammar at home, ensure your child logs in as they will have weekly spellings.

If you need any information about logins, please speak to Mx Haynes-Hunte or Miss Nur respectively.

Reading

Author Focus – Onjali Q. Rauf (continued)

We are continuing to learn about Onjali Q. Rauf this half term. She is the founder and CEO of a company called Herstory. Onjali writes stories that help us think about important topics like homelessness, loss and refugees. During our class story time, we will be reading more of her wonderful books and talking about the messages in her stories.

English



Our learning in English this half term is focused on the cold weather and icy climates of Antarctica. This half term we will be

learning about Ernest Shackleton and his famous expedition to Antarctica. We will learn how he and his men braved the treacherous conditions on their quest. We will also be learning how to write a non-chronological report all about our polar regions.

Maths

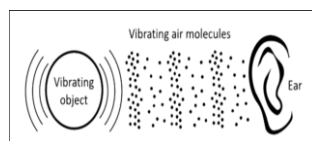
This half-term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division.

In the summer term of Year 4, children will have a multiplication test, so it is important that your child is practising their times tables each week up to 12x12.

In class, we are focusing on one set of times tables per week as well as general practice.

Science

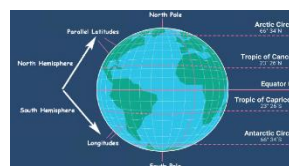
This half term, we will be looking at sound and how the sounds we encounter daily travel to our ears. We will also learn the structure of the Ear and how it helps us to hear.



Geography



Our Geography learning this term is linked to our English learning: we will be learning about The Arctic and Antarctic.

We will explore the human and physical features of both these extremes along with their similarities and differences.



Music

This term, we will be getting into the festive spirit as we practise Christmas songs for our performances at the end of term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>In Computing, we will be learning how to use 'Scratch' to create a Times Tables game that we can play with our class.</p> <p>We will also continue to learn about digital literacy and how to stay safe online.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DT</u></p> <p>In DT, we will be learning how to make winter mittens ready for the Christmas holidays. The children will learn the different types of stitches needed to accurately sew mittens in textiles.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p>Hinduism is still our religious focus for this term. We will gain an understanding of the Hindu Gods and how Hindus worship.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>In PSHE, we will be focusing on respect within our community and how we can use our strengths to add to our various communities. We will work on team building, forming relationships and how to manage conflict.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p>Thurs 11th Dec - Xmas lunch and jumper day</p> <p>Friday 12th Dec - Winter Disco</p> <p>Weds 17th Dec – Christmas performance @ St Nichols' Church 1.45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>PE days: 4AH – Monday and Thursday 4SN – Monday and Thursday</p> <p><u>PE Kit</u> Please ensure that your child is prepared with the correct kit that is suitable for the weather and that all items are correctly labelled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -White T-shirt -Black/navy/blue leggings / tracksuit bottoms (not too long or baggy) / shorts -Plimsolls / trainers 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Homework is set on a Thursday and is due the following Tuesday.</p> <p>The content of the homework will be based around our learning that week.</p> <p>Please make sure your child practises their spellings and times tables each week as they will be tested on Thursday.</p> <p>Please make sure your child is reading each night.</p> <p>Finally, please make sure your child is practising their times tables. They can access Times Table Rockstars at home and this is such a fun way to practise.</p> <p><u>If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Nur or Mx Haynes-Hunte</u></p>	