



Kidbrooke Park Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1 Term

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a fantastic and restful summer break. It has been so wonderful seeing you all back at school, excited and ready to start a new school year 😊

Mx Haynes-Hunte and Mr Lopez



Apps and communication

Please log into Times Table Rockstar's and practice at home! If you need any information about logins please speak to Mx Haynes-Hunte or Mr Lopez respectively.



Reading

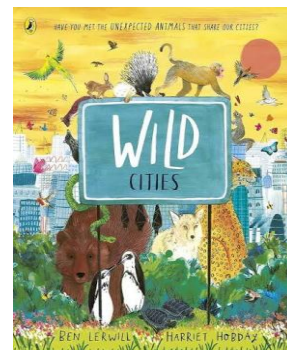
Our author focus is... Onjali Q. Rauf!

She is the founder and CEO of the company Herstory. Her books tackle issues around homelessness, bereavement, and refugees. We will be reading some of her books during our class story time.



English

In English this term, we will be reading Wild Cities by Ben Lerwill as part of our Take One Project: Nature in Our City. Our theme, Urban Wildlife Adaptation – Surviving in the City, will allow children to explore how animals have adapted to living alongside people in busy urban environments. Through the text, children will develop their reading and writing skills by creating a setting description inspired by the red fox in New York and a monologue exploring migration through our urban animal, the parakeet. We will also consider how wildlife responds to change, challenge and its environment, encouraging curiosity about the natural world around us.



Maths

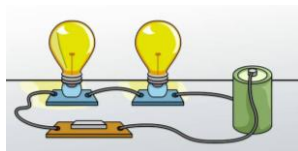
This half-term, we will be focusing on place value and using numbers up to 10,000.

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 practise.

Science

This half term we will be looking at electricity. We will look into how electricity is generated and its uses. We will be exploring circuits, conductors and insulators.



History

In History we will be exploring The Mighty Roman Empire, and how it impacted life as we know it in Britain and the rest of the world.

We will be learning about famous Roman rulers such as Julius Caesar, fearless Emperor Claudius and the fierce and courageous Boudicca.

French

In our French lessons we will be learning how to describe people we know, such as our family members and friends.

We will learn how to describe their appearance characteristics and what they are wearing.

<u>Computing</u> This half term in Computing, children will learn how to stay safe online and use the internet responsibly when carrying out research. They will also develop their confidence with Keynote to create and share presentations, while revisiting and strengthening their core computer skills.	<u>Art</u> This term, our art will take inspiration from the Renaissance, as we study Classical architecture and painting. We'll explore the works of Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, while also experimenting with pen art and text-based styles. Later in the term, children will create layered mixed-media pieces inspired by the Tower of London and other London landmarks, linking to our trip and history learning.	<u>RE</u> Hinduism will be our religious focus for this term. We will gain and understanding of the Hindu story of creation and how that affects their beliefs. 	<u>PSHE</u> In PSHE we will be focusing on 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.
<u>Handwriting & Spelling</u> Handwriting will continue to be an important focus in Year 4. We will be supporting children to develop clear, fluent and well-presented writing by practising accurate letter formation and consistent joins, helping them to build confidence and master this important skill. In Year 4 we will continue to develop children's spelling skills, focusing on spelling patterns, rules and the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. Encouraging children to apply these accurately and confidently in their writing.	<u>PE</u> PE days: 4AH – Monday & Thursday 4OL– Monday & Tuesday <u>PE Kit</u> Please ensure your child is prepared with the correct kit that is suitable for the weather and that all items are correctly labelled. -White T-shirt -Black/navy/ blue leggings / tracksuit bottoms (not too long or baggy) / shorts -Plimsolls / trainers	<u>Homework</u> Year 4 - Weekly Homework Expectations • Reading for pleasure book taken home and comments recorded in reading record • Grammar and Punctuation task • Spellings • Times tables Homework will be provided every Thursday and must be returned every Tuesday. Any child who does not hand in their completed homework will be required to stay in during Wednesday lunchtime to finish their work. This will ensure they stay on track with their learning. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete their homework regularly. 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. <u>If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to Mx Haynes-Hunte or Mr Lopez.</u>	

Important Dates

Meet the teacher-
Wednesday 9th
September

Class Assemblies
4OL Friday 18th
September
4AH Friday 9th October