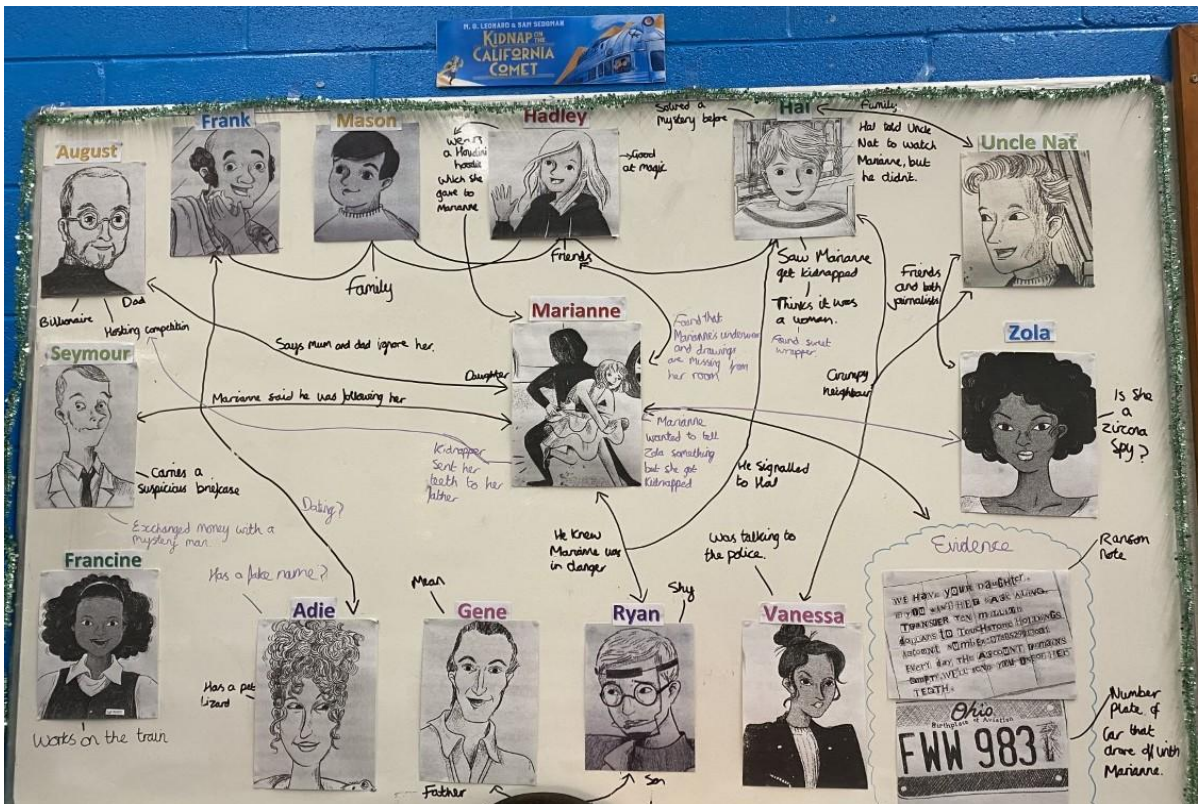


Welcome! To fit in with their Route 66 Learning Expedition, the children in 4CF and 4PK are reading 'Kidnap on the California Comet' by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. Miss Barton tells us that:



'The children are engrossed in this mystery story that surrounds the kidnapping of a billionaire's daughter. Hal, a young detective, is determined to solve the case before the train journey on the California Comet ends. However, there are lots of twists and turns along the way. The story is engaging and exciting - and the children frequently change their minds on who they think the kidnapper is. The book also features some fantastic illustrations from Elisa Paganelli - which really bring the characters to life and has helped with our investigation board.' (Please see below.)




Y4 children wrote newspaper reports based on 'Kidnap on the California Comet'.

The Route 66 Reporter

The Kidnap on the California Comet.

August Reza's daughter gets kidnapped. Marianne ^{got} kidnapped and she has short blonde hair and was last seen with a yellow dress on. Hal thinks that Marianne was taken by a woman. It happened after Reza's conference in a car park. They kidnapped Marianne because they wanted lots of information about August Reza.

car then the police thanked him and went to try and find the woman who kidnapped Marianne.



A photo of Marianne


The police interviewed Hal and he said that he drew a picture of Marianne being kidnapped by a woman and that he also got some of the redge plate on the

Reza is going to shout at Woody for not watching Marianne and Hadley hasn't got her jumps because she swapped

it with Marianne so the kidnapper would go after Marianne but she would go after Hadley.

else. Also the last number on the redge plate was scratched off. Everyone is trying to find Marianne and some information about the car. The police were searching all night and also all day to find Marianne and they want Marianne to see her family again.

By E Louise



Number plate of car

The police are still trying to find the redge plate of the car. Hal was the one who sketched the redge plate but but nothing

Waterstone's Book of the Year: Maggie O'Farrell's historical novel 'Hamnet' has been revealed as Watertone's Book of the Year. 'Hamnet' recreates the vibrant Elizabethan world and the short, tragic life of Shakespeare's only son. The Waterstone's website says that it is a: '...uniquely powerful meditation on love, family and loss (and) demands to be read by all.'



As Always... If you have anything to contribute -

a review, details of a favourite book, a recommendation (for children or adults), a poem, a favourite read-aloud or any words of reading inspiration - please email them to me. All contributions welcome. Thanks to Miss Barton for this week's 'Kidnap on the California Comet' item and images.



Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (7/12/20)

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At home I'm reading 'Red Comet: The Short Life and Blazing Art of Sylvia Plath' by Heather Clark.

In class I'm reading 'The Voyage of the Sparrowhawk' by Natasha Farrant.

We're reading 'Kidnap on the California Comet' by M.G. Leonard & Sam Sedgeman to 4PK.