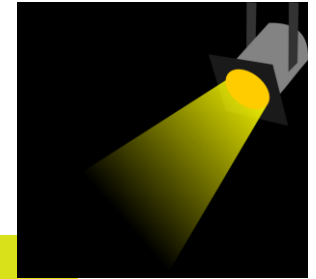
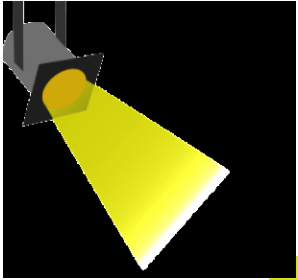


Year 1&2 Term Newsletter



'Bright Lights, Big City!'



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great half term. The children have settled really well and it has been wonderful to watch new friendships grow! This term we will be starting our new topic of 'Bright Lights, Big City'. We will be continuing to look at London before moving on to cities around the world.

This term's homework:

Reading 	<p>Please read with your child regularly. Their books and book bags will need to be in every day.</p> <p>In school, we have our own record keeping systems and teachers/TAs will not write in these home records. It is expected in our school reading policy that the children should read at home at least three times a week. If the children achieve their 'three reads' they will receive a raffle ticket. <u>Please take a new page each week in the reading record book so that we can see who has read three times.</u></p> <p>The reading records will be checked and raffle tickets given on a Friday and entered into a draw which will be held in the following week's celebration assembly.</p>
Spellings	<p>Termly spellings will be sent out. Following parent feedback, these spellings will be given in a spelling book that will be sent home to practise. Then we will test in their school spelling book and record the results in their home book for you to see.</p>
Maths 	<p>Times Tables Rock Stars and MyMaths activities are optional for Key Stage One children. These activities will be set at the beginning of each term. However it is expected that parents will support children to learn their times tables at home.</p> <p>Year 1 children - 2 x and 10 x tables</p> <p>Year 2 children - 2 x, 5 x, 10 x tables with the extension of 3 x and 4 x</p>

Questions to ask at home...

What do I know about Remembrance Day?
Why do we remember on this date?
Have you been to any cities? What are they like?
How are cities different to the towns and villages that we live in?
What things give us light?
What types of electronic technology do we have in our homes?



The Christmas Nativity

This year, we are very excited to announce that Reception and Year 1&2 will be performing their very own Nativity on 13th December at 2pm. More information will follow regarding costumes and props in another letter. Key Stage 2 will be performing in the evening at 6.30pm. (Key Stage 1 will not be performing in the evening performance.)

Home Learning Tasks

Please one of the following to bring into school during the term:

- Make a model of a city landmark using junk modelling, construction kits and take a photo of it to share
- Find out about some of the capital cities in the world
- Visit London and take some photos to share
- Visit a local bonfire or fireworks display and find out about Guy Fawkes

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work we are doing this term, we would love to see and hear about them. We are planning a **Stargazing Bonfire Evening** at Chiddingly School with our friends from East Hoathly nearer the time. Another letter will follow shortly.

Useful Websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - phonics and spelling games

www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z4mxsbk - World War One information and activities

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps> - find different cities around the world

Reminders - Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.



Many thanks, and I hope you have a great term!

Mrs Winchester

Reading at School and at Home

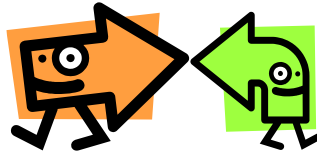
Reading strategies the children use in school and can be referred to at home.

I could sound out the word.

dog

sweet

I can miss out the word. Then I could read on to the end of a sentence and then go back and check what would make sense.



I look for smaller words in words.

butterfly

cat

handwriting

I talk through my ideas, thoughts and feelings about what I am reading so I understand it.



When I read I imagine what is happening and create a picture in my mind.



I use the pictures to help me.



"Bright Lights, Big City"

Learning Map

Literacy



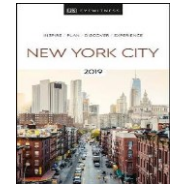
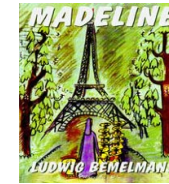
Paddington



Remembrance



Texts from around the World



Maths



Times Tables



Addition and subtraction



Time



Science



Light and Dark



Art & DT



Celebration Art



Food technology



Art from around the world



Geography



Cities around the World



Computing



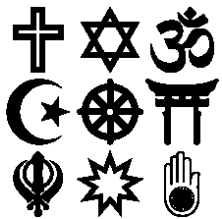
Laptop Skills



Technology in our Lives



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Why are carols sung at Christmas?



The Nativity



Music



Charanga!



Forest School

In term 2, Beech Class will be having their block of Forest School sessions. This will be on Wednesday afternoons, starting from Week 2.

Please make sure your child has the following items in school on Wednesdays every week as we will be going outside whatever the weather:

- welly boots
- waterproof jacket with a hood
- waterproof trousers
- warm clothing
- gloves and a hat

We are still hoping that volunteers will come forward to help us with our Forest School sessions so if you are able to help, please see either myself or Mrs Dann.

