



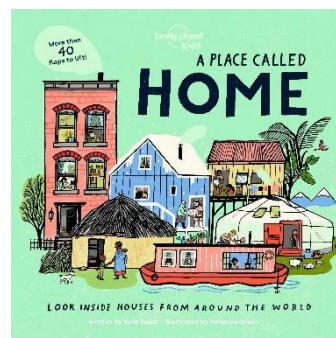
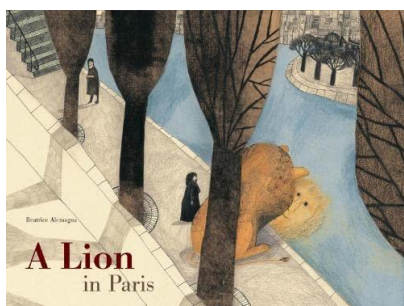
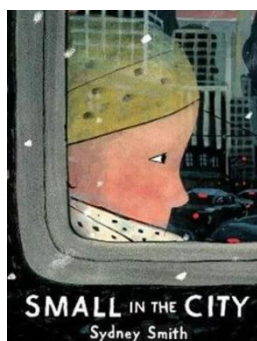
'Bright Lights, Big City'

Beech Class Newsletter Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful but enjoyable half term! The children were amazing in term 1 and settled into their new class really well, so we are looking forward to this continuing in term 2. This term we will be starting our new topic of 'Bright Lights, Big City'. We will begin the term looking at countries and cities in the UK and then begin to spread our wings further afield, looking at other parts of the world.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Questions to ask at home:

Have you been to any cities? What are they like?

How are cities different to the towns and villages that we live in?

What is the difference between a country and a continent?

What things give us light?

Which body parts can you name?

Can you identify which senses you are using in different situations?

How do wheels work?

Also remember those key discussion points around key dates such as bonfire night and Remembrance Day.

Home Learning Tasks

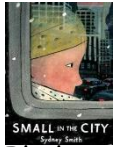
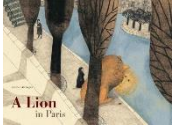
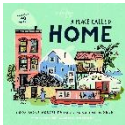
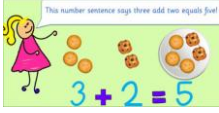
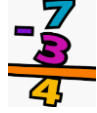




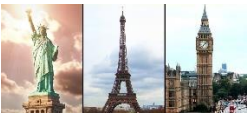









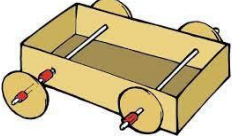


Please have a go at some of these at home:

- Make a model of a city landmark using junk modelling, construction kits, lego, blocks etc. and take a photo of it to share or bring it in for show and tell!
- Find out about some of the continents, countries and capital cities in the world. Maybe you have photographs of your holidays the children could share.

The learning map below outlines the areas we will be focussing on and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work.

'Bright Lights, Big City' Learning Map Term 2 2022

What are we learning this term?

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| Literacy |  Small in the City Diaries |  A Lion in Paris Narrative |  Home Information Texts |
| Maths | Addition  | Subtraction  | Measurement & Money  |
| Science | The Human Body  | Living things  | Seasons  |
| Geography | Landmarks  | Continents & Countries  | Cities and Human Geography  |
| Music | <div>Listening</div>  <div>Appraisal</div> <div>Improvising</div>  | | |
| ICT | E-Safety  | Representing Data  | Purple Mash  |
| PSHE | <div>Celebrating Differences</div>  | |  |
| DT | <div>Wheels & Axels</div>  | | |
| RE | God in the Bible  | How Christians worship God  | |

Home Learning

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| Reading | <p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. Please ensure their reading journal is written in so we can add it to our total on a Friday morning to hopefully win the class prize that week!</p> <p>We are continuing with our reading scheme, Little Wandle, so the children will have lots of opportunity to read in class but topping this up at home is essential to learning. During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Library books will be changed on a Friday.</p> |
| Spellings and phonics | <p>Children in year 1 will be sent home with a phonics homework sheet on a Monday which will share the sounds, sentences and spelling we will have covered during the previous week. The children can share their learning with you. There isn't a formal spelling test in Year 1, however there will always be 5 words at the bottom of the sheet that they have learnt in school that week and it would be great to practise these at home too! Their phonics and spellings all fit in with the new reading scheme.</p> |
| Phonics/ spelling Year 2 | <p>Children in Year 2 will be sent home with spellings based on the spelling curriculum rules they will have been taught during the week on a Monday, they will be tested on these on the following Monday. To begin with they recap the alternative spelling patterns for the sounds they learnt in year one, then they move on to rules within spellings.</p> |
| Maths | <p>Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home.</p> <p>Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables.</p> <p>When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, Year 2 children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> |

Useful Websites to support learning

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 can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag/reading folder** each day.
- Please can you make sure your child's clothes have got their name inside.
- Can the children please always have a **coat** in school as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE days are **Wednesday and Friday's**. Please ensure their named kit is in school all week.
- Fruit for Key Stage 1 is provided for snack time, however if you want to provide a snack for your child at this time, please make sure it is a healthy snack.
- If the children would like to share something that is related to our topic this term, this can be brought in on a Monday and Friday only.

Thank you for your continued support for your children and our school. We are looking forward to having a great term 2 leading up to Christmas with looks of fantastic learning that the children will hopefully share with you at home.

Mrs Mackarness and Mrs Wilkinson