

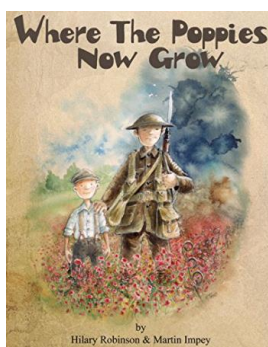
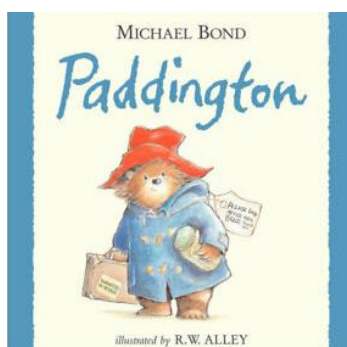
'Bright Lights, Big City'

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 2 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, 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 begin the term learning about London then begin to spread our wings further afield, investigating Sydney and Paris.

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



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?

Which objects give us light?

What types of electronic technology do we have in our homes?

Home Learning Tasks




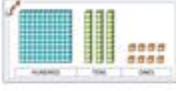



















Please have a go at some of these at home:

- Make a model of a city landmark using junk modelling, construction kits and take a photo of it to share
- Find out about some of the capital cities in the world

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on continuing to learn times tables through maths sessions and at home.

'Bright Lights, Big City' Learning Map Term 2 2020

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	Poetry 	Instructions & Recounts 	Non-Fiction 	
Maths	Number and place value 	Addition 	Subtraction 	
Science	The Human Body 			
History	WWI - Remembrance 	Guy Fawkes 	Continents and Oceans 	Positional Language 
Music		Charanga - Ho Ho Ho!		
ICT	E-Safety 		Pictograms 	
PSHE		Anti-Bullying 	Celebrating Difference 	
Art and DT	Collages 	Making Structures 	Christmas Crafts 	
RE	How is Jesus' Birth Celebrated? 			

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in their reading record book</u>.</p> <p>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>Books can be changed at the trolley in the learning zone at any time.</p>
Spellings and homework	<p>Spellings will be given out each week on a Friday, then will be tested on the following Thursday. Please ensure that books are returned to school on Thursday. - Please practise these words with your child at home in their spelling book. These will then be tested on a Thursday in school and scores will be written in the book at the end of the week for you to see.</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, children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games: https://www.purplemash.com/</p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise.</p> <p>MyMaths can be used at home for the children to explore and practise skills from class work whenever they choose.</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** each day.
- Please can you make sure your child's jumper has got their name inside.
- Can the children please always have a **coat** in school as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday** but PE kits should be in all week.
- Wellington Boots – Please can all children have a set of wellies in school at all times, this is so we can use the field and outside areas when it is wet and muddy.

Show and tell dates:

Friday 6th November: Year 2 girls.

Friday 13th November: Year 1 boys.

Friday 20th November: Year 1 girls.

Friday 27th November: Year 2 boys.

Friday 4th December: Year 2 girls.

Friday 11th December: Year 1 boys.

Please can you make sure that children only bring in one item that can fit inside your child's book bag **and it must be linked to our current learning topic.**

We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions,

Thank you for your support.

Miss Williams, Miss Hillier and Miss Roberts.