



'Bright Lights, Big City'

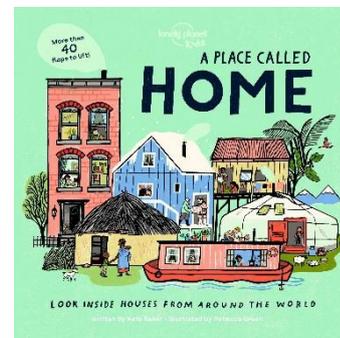
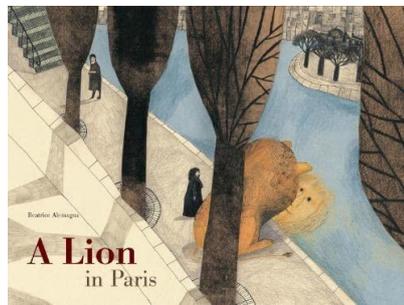
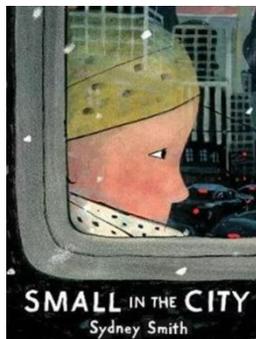


Squirrel Class Newsletter Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a great half term. The children have settled well this year 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 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?

Home Learning Tasks

Please have a go at some of these at home:

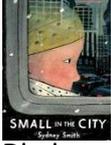
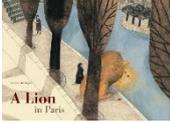
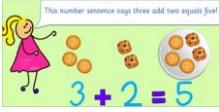
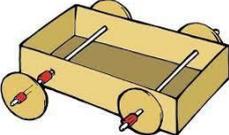
- Make a model of a city landmark using junk modelling, construction kits, Lego, or blocks and take a photo of it to share.
- Find out about some of the continents, countries and capital cities in the world.

It would be lovely to share this and any projects in our 'Show and Tell' time on a Friday.

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 2022

What are we learning this term?

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

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 ensure it is signed and dated. We have introduced our new reading scheme for Year 1 (and some children in Year 2) using Little Wandle books – please read the letter sent home last term carefully, extra copies are available on the school website or from the school office.</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 have read, comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Children can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.</p>
Spellings and phonics	<p>On a Monday, the children will be sent home with spellings based on the spelling curriculum rules and phonics sounds they have been taught during the week. There will be an optional test which the Year 2 children can choose to take part in on the following Monday.</p>
Maths	<p>A maths challenge will be set on a Monday and will need to be returned on the following Monday. The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box.</p> <p>Also, it would be useful for the children to start to practise their times tables. Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables. 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>

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
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw7gsk7> - Find out about continents

Additionally, the children have access to a wealth of activities on Purple Mash. The children have their logins stuck inside their reading records should you need it.

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 day with Mr Brett is **Monday**. On this day, please can you send your child into school wearing their PE kit so they can make the most of their allotted PE lesson time.

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 any member of the team if you have any questions,

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lulham