



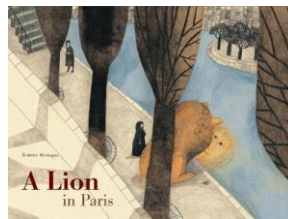
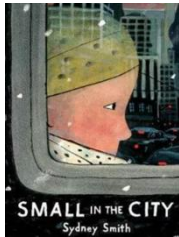
'Bright Lights, Big City'

Cherry Class Newsletter Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a great half term. The children have settled really 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 one 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.
- Find out about some of the continents, countries and 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. There is also a reminder about the home learning weekly tasks, including a reminder about the new Little Wandle Phonics scheme.

Reminders

- Please make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Please make sure your child's **jumper has got their name inside**.
- Please ensure your child has a **coat** in school as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE day with Mr D is **Monday**, but PE kits should be in every day as we will have other active sessions throughout the week.

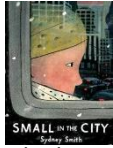
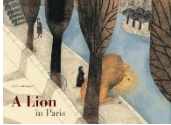
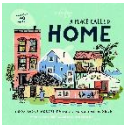
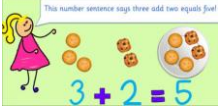















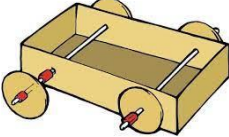


We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to any member of the team if you have any questions,

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs King, Mrs Pike and Mrs Neville.

'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</p> 	<p>Appraisal</p>	<p>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, with the number of minutes that the child has read for included. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday and counting the minutes for miles!</p> <p>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 are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Children who are not reading Little Wandle books (Purple Band and above) can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.</p>
Spellings and phonics	<p>Spellings or Phonics tasks will be given out each week and will be reviewed on Fridays. Please practise these words with your child at home.</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. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p>
Useful Websites to support learning	<p>www.phonicsplay.co.uk – phonics and spelling games</p> <p>www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z4mxsbk - World War One information and activities</p> <p>https://www.google.co.uk/maps - find different cities around the world</p>