

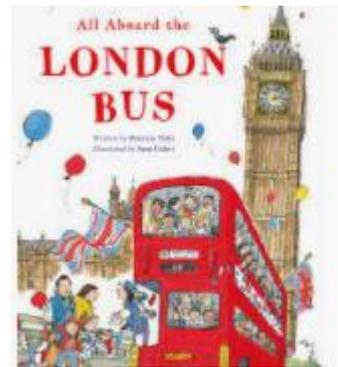
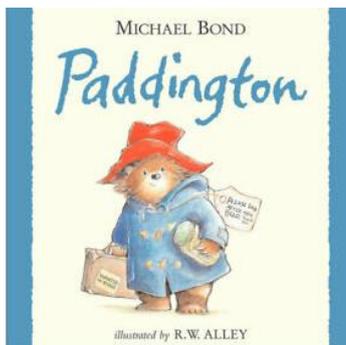
'Bright Lights, Big City'

Cherry Class Newsletter Term 2 2020

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 London then begin to spread our wings further afield, looking at other cities from around the world.

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?

What things give us light?

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

Home Learning Tasks

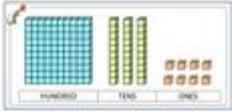
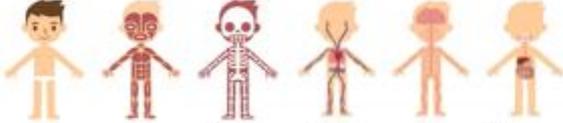
Please have a go at some of these at home:

- 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?

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| Literacy | Poetry  | Instructions & Recounts   | Non-Fiction  | |
| Maths | Number and place value  | Addition  | Subtraction  | |
| Science | The Human Body  | | | |
| History & Geography | WW1 - Remembrance  | Guy Fawkes  | Continents and Oceans  | Positional Language  |
| Music |  | Charanga - Ha Ha Ha!  |  | |
| 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

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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. 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>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 can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.</p> |
| Spellings and homework | <p>Spellings will be given out each week on a Monday, then will be tested on Friday. - Please practise these words with your child at home in their homework book. These will then be tested in school and scores will be written in the book for you to see.</p> <p>Please ensure that books are returned to school on Friday so the next week's spellings can be stuck in.</p> |
| Maths | <p>Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home. Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables. When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, Year 2 children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables. BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>MyMaths can be used at home for the children to explore and practise skills from class work whenever they choose. Thank you for your patience with the technical difficulties that we had with MyMaths in Term 1.</p> <p>We have also set some tasks relating directly to our class topics to be completed by the end of term – you will find the login details at the front of your child's reading record.</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 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 Fry and Miss Jane.