



TOPIC - *Bright Lights, Big City'

Our new Topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City'. In this unit of work, we will be exploring the UK as our home. We will be learning about the different countries of the UK, including landmarks and the four capital cities. We will also be learning about the seas that surround the UK.

After half term, our focus will be on the history of London. In particular, the Great Fire of London. Next week, you will receive a topic homework grid for this unit of work. As this unit lasts for the whole of the Spring Term, topic homework will not need to be handed in until **Wednesday 25th March**.

Maths

To develop number sense for numbers 11, 12 and 13, please watch the episodes from Series 3 of Numberblocks entitled 'Eleven', 'Twelve' and 'Thirteen'.

These episodes will help you to develop your understanding of how these numbers are made with 'ten and a little more!'

Reading

We are working towards our class reading reward, so every bit of reading counts!

Read with your grown up for approximately 5 minutes every day. This can be any book, but please try to read your reading book regularly.

Make sure your adult records your reading in your reading record book or your reading will not be counted towards this half term's reading award.

Spellings

This week, we have been practicing our grapheme-phoneme correspondence and reading words containing known graphemes.

We have been particularly focused on how a grapheme can make more than one sound. For example, 'a' can make a short 'a' sound (e.g. cat), or 'a' long a sound (e.g. acorn)

Have a go at reading these graphemes. If they have a * you know more than one sound for this grapheme:

e*	ay	i*	ea
oy	sh	ch	u*
o*	aw	ue*	a-e

Science

In Science, we have been exploring absorbency by conducting a fair test. We then used the results of this experiment to decide which materials would be appropriate for making an umbrella!

Find things in your house that do or do not absorb water. Record your results.

RE

In RE, we have been exploring the story of The Presentation of Jesus.

In this story, an old man called Simeon is led by the Holy Spirit into the Jewish temple. Upon seeing Jesus with Mary and Joseph, Simeon knows instantly that Jesus is the one God has sent to change the world. He rejoices and holds Jesus in his arms, praising God.

Draw a picture of Simeon holding baby Jesus.

Additional Information

PE will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure you arrive at school in the correct kit on these days. PE kit should not contain logos or stripes.

Please have your coat and outdoor shoes with you every day.

Advanced Notice: We will be having Fire themed dress-up day after half term. You may come dressed as firefighters or simply wear bright fire-like colours.

Please complete this homework by Wednesday 14th January