

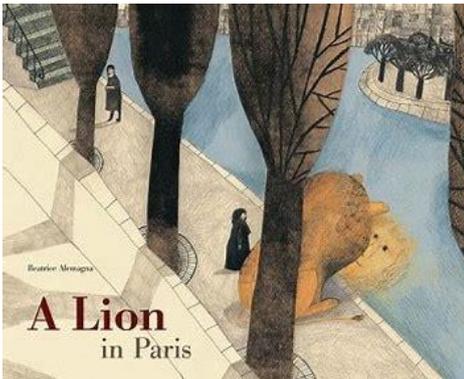
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Welcome back to Year 3!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.



Our learning this half term is based around the global theme **Saving Our Environment**.

We will be learning all about Paris in our topic: *'What is it like to live in Paris?'*

We will be reading our core text, **'A Lion in Paris'**, to lead our learning and to inspire our reading lessons.

Our writing lessons will be building up to writing a short story. We will also be writing a set of a travel brochures this half term.

- In our **maths** lessons, our focus will be multiplication and division.

Please continue to support your child at home by learning the multiplication and division facts for all tables with a particular focus on the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables.

- In our **geography** lessons, we will be learning about the human and physical geography of Paris and comparing to children's previous learning about London.
- In **science**, our unit will be **focused on light**, where children will understand light sources, shadows and keeping safe in the sun.
- In **computing**, we will introduce the concept of **coding** using scratch.
- During **RE**, we will explore the question 'Why is the Bible important to Christians today?'
- In **art**, we will be learning about Claude Monet and impressionism.
- In **PSHE**, we will be learning about living in the wider world.
- In **music**, we will be learning about pulse and groove through improvisation.
- In **Physical Education**, we will learn to play **dodgeball** and take part in **gymnastics**.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be **Tuesday** and **Friday** this half term.

On these days, please ensure that your child wears their PE uniform to school and keeps it on all day. Children can wear shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a school-coloured t-shirt and hoodie or school jumper if cold. Please remove earrings and tie back long hair. Thank you.

Homework

We will begin to set **weekly spellings**. These will come home with children to practice. Please continue to help and support your child by **reading 3 times per week at home**. It is also very important that you continue to support your child with **times table fluency**. Thank you for supporting your children at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the school office email.

Kind regards,

Mr Channing