

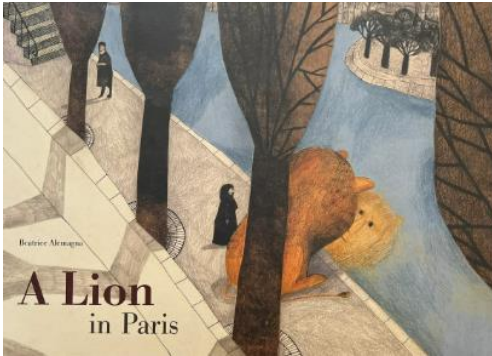


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Friday 9th January 2026

Welcome back! Mrs Needham and I would like to say a huge 'thank you' for our lovely cards and gifts. We hope you had a good Christmas.



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

We will be learning all about Paris in our new 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 **English lessons**. We will use this text to support our written work on writing a short story and a diary.

- In our **maths** lessons, we will be learning about **right angles** and securing **mental calculation**.
- In our **geography** lessons, we will be learning about what it is like to live in Paris, which will include its human and physical features, the famous landmarks and comparing it to London.
- In **science**, our unit will be **light** where we will begin to understand different light sources and how shadows are formed.
- In **computing**, we will be **sequencing sounds**.
- During **RE**, we will be discussing the question 'Why is the Bible important for Christians today?'
- In **Art**, will we be **creating paintings** that are inspired by **Monet**.
- In **PSHE**, we will be learning about **living in the wider world** and **belonging to a community**.
- In **music**, we will be learning about how music **makes the world a better place**.
- In **Physical Education**, we will be doing **dodgeball** and **gymnastics**. PE will still be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

On PE 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

I will continue to set **weekly spellings** to support your child with what they are learning in class. Please continue to help and support your child with **at least 3 reads at home per week**.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Jerram