

# Bright Lights, Big City

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We have had an exciting and fun half term! Heading into the new half term we will be starting a new theme 'Bright Lights, Big City'. During this theme we will continue to look at a variety of different subjects. We will do this through our theme lessons and also have stand alone lessons which include subjects like maths and P.S.H.E.

## P.E.

Just a reminder that P.E. is on **Mondays and Wednesdays**

Your child will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on those days.

PE kit: blue/black shorts/jogging bottoms, a white T-shirt, pumps/trainers and school jumper or cardigan.

**All jewellery must be removed on these days.**

## Reading and Phonics

Can we please remind you of the importance of reading at home with your child.

In phonics we will be following the Read Write Inc. scheme. The scheme incorporates reading and writing.

Reading books will be linked to our phonics groups. Phonics is an important subject to learn as we use our phonics in every lesson.

**Just a reminder that book bags must be in school every day as children are heard read during their phonics lessons and throughout the day.**



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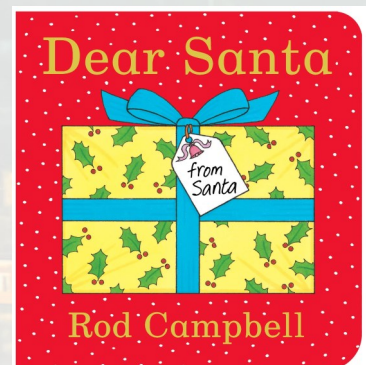
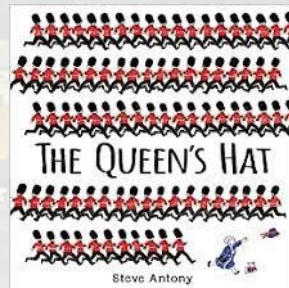
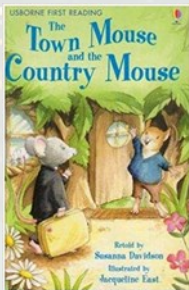
During this theme we will look at the differences between the town and countryside. We will also look at our capital city London and the landmarks that are located there. We will then look at the city we live in, Birmingham. We will look at the different types of materials that are used in different buildings.



In English we will be using the book **The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse**. We will be creating setting descriptions of a town and countryside.

We will look at the book **The Queen's Hat**. We will then write our own version of the story but it will be based in Birmingham.

We will also look at the book **Dear Santa** as we approach Christmas. Children will be writing a letter based on the book.



## Home Learning

A creative activity will be provided every two weeks which is found in your child's homework book. These need to be completed in the book. If the task is to make a model a photograph can be taken. There will also be an additional fortnightly activity aimed at consolidating skills the children have been learning in class, such as maths and English work.