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THE TRAVELLING STONE - FRANCE

When Piper buys The Travelling Stone from a mysterious crystal shop, she could not have imagined the adventures that await. To her surprise, the stone transports her and her brother to a busy street in Paris. With rows of gorgeous terrace houses, each with petite windows overlooking the cobblestone streets and chimneys standing like candles on a cake, it feels so different to home.

Join Piper and Lachie as they journey through France, making new friends, seeing great sights and learning new things along the way!

I hope that your children enjoyed *The Travelling Stone – France* as much as I enjoyed writing it. To continue the journey, here is a list of fun and educational lesson ideas.

1. Write a response to 'Where would you go?' (Download activity)

Ask "If you had The Travelling Stone, where would you wish to go? Why? What would you do there?" Discuss in pairs, then complete the writing activity. Share with the class.

2. Locate children's choices on a world map.

Look at a map and mark the class responses from Activity 1. Graph responses by continent. Which location was most/least popular?

3. Research three things to do or see at your chosen location

Use the internet/books/brochures to research and create a list of attractions and experiences at your destination.





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4. Write a Postcard (Download activity)

Using the above information, write a postcard to someone at home, detailing your experiences at your destination.

5. Create your own map of France

Retrace Piper and Lachie's steps starting from when they arrived in Paris, all the way to Colmar.

6. Make Crêpes (Download activity)

As a class, buy the ingredients, measure and mix the batter. Practise the French words for lemon and sugar (*citron et sucre*), and banana and chocolate (*banane et chocolat*).

7. Design your own Marionette (Download activity)

Use the template. Plan how it would be used in a performance. What is its name? Where does it live? What adventures does it go on? Write a short play including your marionette as the main character. Share your play with a partner or the whole class.

