



Welcome to Year 1!

Crocodiles

Newsletter September 2026



Welcome Back!

Crocodiles - Are you ready to snap into action and learn?

A warm welcome back to Barleyhurst Park for the new academic year! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are now feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead as part of the Crocodiles class.

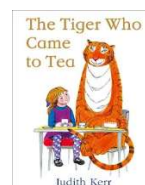
Bright Lights, Big City!

Our Autumn Term topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City' so put on your best outfit because you're invited to a tea party with a very special visitor! This will be a geography and history-based topic as we explore the country of the UK with a particular focus on England. What do you know about England's capital city? We'll find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. We'll also step back in time and discover what happened in the Great Fire of London. Where did it start? How did it end? What impact did it have on our lives today?



English

In **English** 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' will be our focus text and we will learn about this story through drama, group reading and simple story writing. In addition to this, the children will explore non-chronological reports and simple fact files.



Maths

In **Maths**, we will focus on recognising and writing numbers, counting on and back from any number to 20 and beyond. The children will learn the value of each digit in a number. We will slowly move on to addition and subtraction using a variety of practical resources and different representations.

Science

In **Science**, we will begin by learning about the human body. We will learn to identify and name the parts of the body and explore the five senses through a variety of simple, fun practical activities. We will then begin to investigate the four seasons and observe the associated weather, beginning with autumn.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day. You should all have a log-in for MONSTER PHONICS ebooks. When they do read to you, please make a note in their reading record (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- The children will visit the school library once a week so please make sure the book is in their book-bag each week.
- Ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding.
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day, using the 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK' method.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Go to your local library to find books about our current topic.
- Ensure your child **wears their PE kit** on the days they have PE lessons.
- Provide a **named** water bottle for them to use in class. These can be purchased from the school office.

Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions this year are on **Mondays, and Thursdays**. Please make sure the Crocodiles come to school **wearing** the correct PE kit (short or long sleeves and shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, depending on weather conditions), long hair **must** be tied up and earrings **must** be removed or covered with micropore tape **before** arriving to school.

Spellings will be sent home on **Mondays** and the children will be tested on **Friday**.

Homework is sent home on a **Thursday** and is due in by the following **Tuesday**.

Library books will be changed **every Friday**. Please make sure the book is returned on this day, weekly.

Key Dates:

Book Week - W/b 19th October

Last day of term - Friday 23rd October

I am really looking forward to working with you all over the coming year to ensure all the children in the class make progress, have fun and learn lots! Please do not hesitate to catch me on the door at the end of the day if you have any questions.

Thank you in anticipation of your support,

Miss Sedgwick
