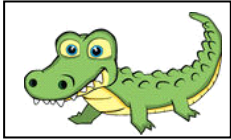


# Barleyhurst Park Primary School



## Crocodiles Newsletter

Autumn 2 2022



**Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!**

### Welcome back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

We hope you had a relaxing break and are looking forward to continuing our learning adventure as Crocodiles. Some of the highlights of the second half term are our trip to MK Gallery and the Christmas Nativity Play.

Before revealing a few of the amazing things that we will be doing, I would like to praise our Crocodiles for settling in well and showing beautiful behaviour and a hard-working attitude so far. Due to snapping through their learning, they have been able to produce wonderful pieces of work in all subjects. Well done! Keep it up!

Throughout the last week of the first half term, the children took part in some very exciting dinosaur activities and had the opportunity to meet a successful children's author. They participated in fun sessions that culminated with a dinosaur dome and a dinosaur party. It was a successful 'Book Week' and the pupils truly deserved it and thoroughly enjoyed it! They have also performed brilliantly in our Harvest Assembly and have showed a caring and considerate attitude.

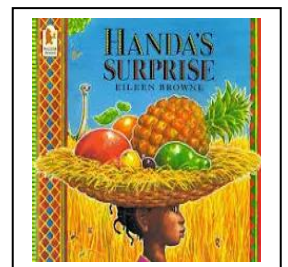
Thank you all for the generous support and kindness!

### Bright Lights, Big City!



A new half term, but the same topic 'Bright Lights, Big City!'

We will continue to learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and compare London to Lusaka, the capital of Zambia.



We are also looking into The Great Fire of London and will create a timeline that shows the chronology of events associated with the Great Fire of London. We will use vocabulary, such as first, next, then, after that and finally to talk about our ideas and begin to order information chronologically.

In English, we start by looking at poetry about autumn and try to write our own poems about this season using the five senses and rhyming words. Additionally, we will be studying stories from other cultures, such as 'Handa's Surprise' and 'The Tiger Child'. Our focus is to write 2-3 sentences about a topic, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly.

In Maths, we focus on numbers to 20, addition and subtraction. Alongside this, we will look at shapes, patterns & position and direction.



Our science learning focuses on seasonal changes.

In Art and Design, we continue to learn about famous artists that used primary, secondary and neutral colours, as well as tints and shades in their artwork. In Design and Technology, we will create landscapes and cityscapes.

## How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day. Please make a note in their reading record.
- Ask them a variety of questions about the book.
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Encourage them to sing the alphabet song.
- Help them to practise counting and writing numbers up to 20 in numerals and words.

## Weekly routines

- PE is on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** (please ensure that children come to school wearing their PE kit and the earrings are taken off or covered).
- Spellings will be sent home on **Fridays** and the children will be tested on the following **Friday**.
- Their **homework** is set on **Thursdays** and is due in on **Tuesdays**.
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle and label all of their items.



## Key Dates

- Wednesday 16th November - School Trip (more information to follow)
- Friday 16th December - Last day of the half term.

## And finally...

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 Team