



# Crocodiles Newsletter

Spring 1, 2023

Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!

## Welcome back!



Welcome back Crocodiles! We hope everyone has enjoyed the half term break and managed to spend quality time with their family and friends.

We are half-way through the year and I would like to praise the snappy Crocodiles for their hard work, beautiful behaviour and the positive attitude to everything they have done so far. Keep up the good work!

## Specialist Week

Our specialist week, having the theme 'Let's Connect!', was a wonderful way to connect with ourselves and others. It was so lovely to see the children's kindness towards everyone and everything. We had lots of fun taking part in reading together, dancing and playing games, creating posters about our loved ones and thinking of ways of keeping our body and mind healthy, happy and safe.



We enjoyed the delicious pancakes as well!

The week culminated with the trip to Bletchley Library which offered the children the opportunity to borrow a book, read it and relax.

The talent show 'Barleyhurst's Got Talent' has also contributed to the children's well-being and mental health by giving them the chance to experience being a contender, a winner or an audience member.

Congratulations to all the Crocodiles for playing their role with responsibility and enthusiasm.

## Moon Zoom!



During this half term we will be continuing to study the topic 'Moon Zoom!'. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by all around this topic and I hope that continues throughout Spring 2. We will be, amongst other things, designing and creating a 'moon buggy' as well as looking at songs, rhymes and stories with a space theme in English. The first book we will be reading is 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division as well as looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Fractions will also be studied, focusing just on the idea of a whole, a half, a quarter and three quarters.

Our new topic in Science will be 'Plants', so we are learning to compare seeds and bulbs, identify a range of plants and find out what the plants needs to grow. We will be planting our own seeds too.

In History we are continuing to learn about famous astronauts and we will create timelines.

## How can you help your child?

### Reading:

- Encourage the children to read every day (if possible, the Monster Phonics books) or other books that they might be interested in (age appropriate).
- Ask your child questions about the book they are reading to develop their comprehension.
- Remember to fill in their reading record (it doesn't need to be much, just the name of the book, the date and who they read with).

### Maths:

- Help them practise their counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s (forwards and backwards within 100) as well as recognising and writing the numbers in numerals and words.

### Spelling:

- Encourage the children to play sound hunt games, knots and crosses to write words containing the sounds they have been taught.

## Weekly routines

- PE is on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

Please ensure that the children come into school wearing their PE kit. 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 **Friday** and the children will be tested on the following **Friday**.
- Their **homework** is set on each **Thursday** and is due in by the following **Tuesday**.
- Please make sure that the **children's belongings** are **labelled** and they wear our school uniform, not other items of clothing. They must bring a water bottle in daily.

## Important Dates

- World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- Mother's Day - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Year 1 Trip - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (more information to follow nearer the time)

I hope this gives you an insight into what we will be doing over the coming half term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or any member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 team