



Crocodiles

Newsletter
November 2024



Autumn 2 already!

Welcome back Crocodiles! Its like you've never been away!
We hope you had a lovely autumnal week off, hopefully making wonderful memories together. We have an extremely exciting, yet busy few weeks ahead of us. Not only is there bonfire night, which means fireworks, but there is also Remembrance Day, Children in Need and the countdown to our Nativity for...dare I say it... CHRISTMAS!!! So much to look forward to!

Bright Lights, Big City!

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

We will continue to consolidate our knowledge about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their characteristics.

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



English

In **English**, we start by looking at poetry about Fireworks and writing our own ones using ONMATOPOEIA and similes. We will also be reading and learning from cultural stories such as Handa's Surprise as well as finding out information from some non-fiction texts. This term Crocodiles will start 'Big Writes' which is going to be their 'special writing' that gives them the opportunity to shine and show off how creative they can be.

Maths

In **Maths**, we have kick started with position, making sure we can identify where something is positioned in a line or queue, for example, who is second in the line? Who came fifth in the race? Which animal came last? The children are more than confident to move on to comparing, ordering and solving patterns with number between 10 and 20 as well as more addition and subtraction. Help your child to start recognising 2D shapes and 3D shapes by looking at everyday objects such as a football (sphere), pringles (cylinder), etc.

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As you know Christmas is in the near future and we will be learning the Nativity story as we as starting rehearsals and singing practise too. Some very exciting times ahead!

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read at least 3 times a week. You should all have a log-in for MONSTER PHONICS eBooks. Please make sure you are using the correct link: <https://ebooks.monsterphonics.com>
- As usual the children will visit the school library once a week so please make sure the book is in their book-bag each week. The children can read their book and other books from home which can be noted in their reading record books too (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- 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 their current topic.
- Count on and back from any given number up to 100.

Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions this year are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. 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. Thank you to those who have provided micropore tape to school for us to keep and use for your child.

Spellings will be sent home on Fridays and the children will be tested on the following Friday.

Homework is set on a Thursday and is due in by the following Tuesday.

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

Key Dates:

- Friday 15th November Children In Need dress up in PJs for pennies.
- Wednesday 27th November - Christmas Fayre 2pm-3.30pm
- Friday 29th November - Last day of Autumn Clubs
- Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December - Nativity Performance 2.30pm
- Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner
- Friday 20th December - Christmas Buffet & Last day of term.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to building a strong relationship with you and the new Crocodiles. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions to myself or any of the Year 1 team.

Mrs Obhi and the Year 2 Team
