

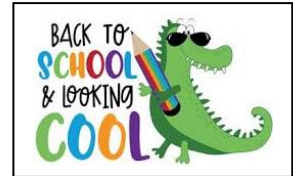
## Crocodiles Newsletter

Summer 2, 2024

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

Welcome back to school!

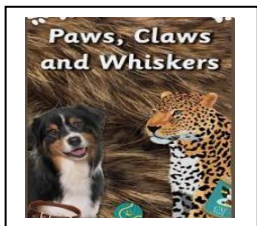
We hope that you have enjoyed the break and are looking forward to continuing our learning journey as Crocodiles.



### Specialist Week

A big 'Thank you' to all the parents/carers and pupils for supporting and contributing to the fun and challenging activities that focused on geographical skills and knowledge throughout the Specialist Week. The children truly enjoyed and engaged in each activity they were presented with and tried their hardest to achieve great results. They loved the trip to Furzton Lake and were willing to use compasses and maps/atlases to create their own maps and compare different countries. Some children have completed great pieces of homework over the half term. Well done and thank you to all the parents/carers for supporting the children with these tasks.

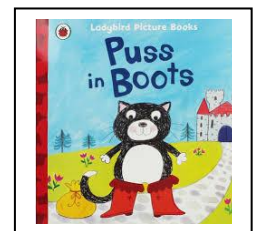
### Paws, Claws and Whiskers!



This half term we are continuing with our topic about animals.

In **English** we have started with the story 'Dear Zoo' and will try our best to write a sequel to this story and create our own lift-the-flap books. We will be also going to focus on **SPaG** (different types of sentences, adjectives, verbs, nouns etc.).

Our next story will be the fairy tale 'Puss in Boots', so we are aiming to complete a range of tasks around the text (role-play, character and setting descriptions etc.). Later in the term, we will explore the collection 'Farmyard Hullabaloo' and have a go at performing and writing similar animal poems/rhymes.



In **Maths**, we will revise the previous units (**numbers to 100, fractions and time**) and we will be learning about **money, mass, volume, capacity, space, position and direction**.

In **Science** we continue with our topic '**Animals, including Humans**' and we will focus on describing, comparing and sorting the animals according to their structure and other characteristics. We will also learn about the parts of the human body and associate them with the five senses.

In **Geography** we are going to focus on our local area and fieldwork. We will identify and name the types of houses, jobs and changes we can make to our community.

In **Music** we will be singing a **range of songs** and will try to **compose a simple tune** using three or four notes. Our Composer of the term is 'Ed Sheeran'.

## How can you help your child?

### Reading:

- Encourage your child to revise all the sounds they have been learning. (check the given mat)
- Support your child to read **at least three times/week** (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.
- Please sign or write a brief comment in the reading record.

### Maths:

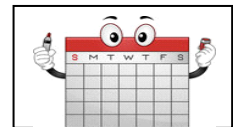
- Help your child to practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s (forwards and backwards within 100).
- Support them to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Encourage them to double any number to 10 and halve even numbers within 20.
- Telling the time to an hour and half past an hour.
- Money recognition (British coins and notes).

### Spelling:

- Encourage the children to practise the new and previous spellings.

## Weekly routines

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



Please ensure that the children come into school wearing their PE kit on these days. Long hair **must** be tied up and earrings **must** be removed or covered.

- Spellings will be sent home on **Friday** and the children will be tested on the following **Friday**.
- The **homework** is given out each **Thursday** and is due in by the following **Tuesday**.
- Please label your **child's belongings**.
- Please ensure that your child brings a **water bottle** in daily. (they can have juice for lunch)

## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Dress Down Day for the Euros

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** FS and KS1 Father's Day Assembly

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Superhero Day for The Henry Allen Trust

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** KS1 & FS Sports Day in the morning

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Our trip to Whipsnade Zoo

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Dress Down Day & Bring a bottle for the Tombola

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Summer Fayre

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Last day of the Summer Term

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1 Team.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

We are looking forward to teaching the clever Crocodiles this final half term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 Team