

Barleyhurst Park Primary School

Crocodiles Newsletter

Autumn 2, 2021



Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!

Welcome back Crocodiles! We hope you and your child have stayed safe and well over the half-term break. We have done lots of wonderful learning so far and I am excited to get stuck into the new half-term's learning.



We enjoyed learning about the Queen and our capital city: London. During the second half term, we are now looking into The Great Fire of London. This will include discovering the events of the fire and where it happened as well as painting our own recreation of the fire. Additionally, we will be designing and creating our own bunting.

In maths, we will be looking at addition and subtraction this term (within both ten and twenty) and begin to understand the methods we use to do these. Numbers to twenty will also be a topic we look at to ensure we remember how to spell them and understand the value of each numeral.

During our English sessions, the focus will be writing non chronological reports. This begins with us learning about the different features in a report and then having a go at writing one, initially about ourselves and then around The Great

Fire of London. We will then go on to look at doing some winter themed writing activities including some Winter poems.

Reminders:

- **PE is on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.** Please ensure that your child comes in wearing their PE kit to school for the whole day and is wearing appropriate footwear.
- Spellings are given out weekly on a **Friday** and tested on the following **Friday**, please ensure your child practises their spellings daily.
- **Homework** is given out on a **Thursday** and is due in on a **Tuesday**.
- Children need to bring in their own water bottles to school. If you need a water bottle, you can buy one from the office for £1.50.
- Any pack lunches must be brought to school in a disposable bag.

How you can help your child:

Reading:

- Try to share a story as often as you can.
- 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).
- PhonicsPlay has some free games which could be useful to practise their phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

Maths:

- Help them practise their counting as well as recognising and drawing their numbers to 50.

General:

- Encourage them to complete their homework and their spellings.

Dates for your diary-

- Friday 19th November- Children in Need
- Friday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 15th December- Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 17th December- Christmas Buffet Dinner Day

I hope this gives you an insight into what we will be doing over the term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards,

Ms Ferrett and the Year 1 team.