

Barleyhurst Park Primary School



Crocodiles Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023



Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term.

We hope you had a lovely break and are looking forward to continuing our learning adventure as Crocodiles.

Some of the highlights of the second half term are the Christmas Nativity and the Wow End of our topic 'Bright Lights, Big City!'.

Before revealing a few of the amazing things that we will be doing, I would like to say that throughout the last week of the first half term, the children took part in some very exciting book week activities, including the opportunity to meet a successful actor.

They participated in fun sessions that culminated with a great sharing assembly.

It was a successful 'Book Week' and the pupils truly enjoyed it!

They have also performed brilliantly in our Harvest Assembly and have shown a caring attitude.

Thank you all for the generous support and kindness!

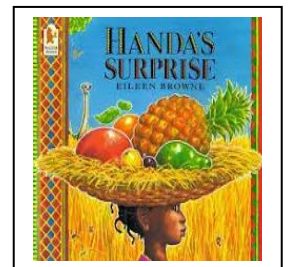
Bright Lights, Big City!



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

We will continue to 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.

In **English**, we start by looking at poetry about autumn and try to write our own poems and descriptions about this season using the five senses and rhyming words/sentences.

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. We will concentrate on **handwriting** as well as the **sentence structure**.

In **Maths**, we focus on numbers to 20, addition and subtraction. We will also learn about 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.

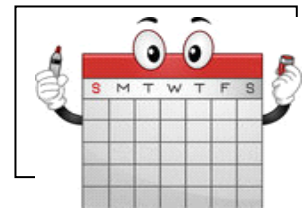
How can you help your child?

- 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.
- Please ensure your child has the **Spelling Book** (if they received one) and the **Reading**

Record in their bookbag every day.

Weekly routines

- PE is on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** (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 by the following **Tuesday**.
 - Please provide your child with a **named water bottle** and **label all their items**.
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And finally...

We are so proud of all the children and their progress. Keep the good work up, Crocodiles! 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