

Crocodiles Newsletter

Autumn 1, 2022

Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!

Welcome to Year 1!

A warm welcome back to school!

We hope you had a wonderful summer enjoying the beautiful weather and are as excited as us to continue our learning adventure in Crocodiles Class.

We are really looking forward to our year ahead with the Crocodiles and we know that we are going to have a great time!

We have enjoyed hearing about what your children got up to over the summer. The children are very excited to be Crocodiles and are enthusiastic about our new classroom and learning.

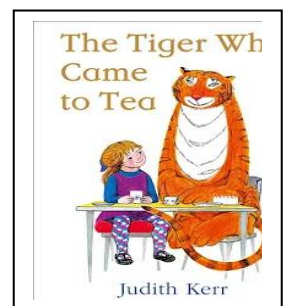
Bright Lights, Big City!



Hop on board a big, red bus and head for England's capital. Yes, that's right, we're on our way to London!

This half term, we'll take tea with the Queen and visit Buckingham Palace online.

'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' is our initial focus for English which we will explore through drama, group reading and story writing. Additionally, instruction writing, fact-files and poetry will be other topics we will be studying.



In Maths, we focus on counting, recognising and writing numbers, moving on to place value and addition and subtraction. Alongside this, we will look at 2D and 3D shapes and position and direction. Our science learning focuses on the sun, shadows, weather and seasons.



In Geography, using maps and research, we'll locate Buckingham Palace, understand compass directions, plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom.

In Art/ Design and Technology, we'll Skype a school in a city far away, create a model of the bakery on Pudding Lane, take a virtual trip to London Zoo and make souvenirs for tourists.

In History, our research will take us back in time to the Great Fire of London and to famous London landmarks, as well as giving us an understanding of what it's like to live in a big city.

At the end of our project, we'll share our skills and new knowledge with you.

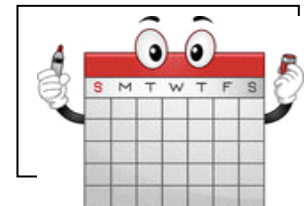
Our class will tell well-known stories about London, make a stop-motion animation and share traditional British songs and nursery rhymes.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day. There will be a book in their book bag by Thursday. When they do their reading, please make a note in their reading record (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage them to practise the spellings they have been set every day.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Go to your local library to find books about their current topic.
- Help them to practise counting, recognising and writing numbers up to 50.

Weekly routines

- PE is on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays (starting from Thursday 9th September 2022)**; please ensure that children come to school wearing their PE kit.
- Spellings will be sent home on **Friday (from next week)** and the children will be tested on the following **Friday**.
- Their **homework** is set on **Thursdays** and is due in on **Tuesdays**.
- Please provide your child with a clear water bottle that they can use during the school day and take home for washing at the end of the day.



Dates

Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October - Book Week

And finally...

The children are all looking very smart in their new uniform, please ensure that **everything** is labelled as it makes it much easier to return items if they go missing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 Team