



# Welcome to Year 1!

## Crocodiles

### Newsletter September 2024



### Welcome Back!

**Crocodiles - are you ready to snap into action and learn!**

A warm welcome back to Barleyhurst Park for the new academic year!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are now feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead as part of the Crocodiles class. We are very excited to kick start the term with new topics and lots of new learning. We can't wait to see you and be a part of your learning journey again.

Let's strive to achieve!

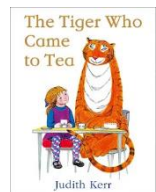
### Bright Lights, Big City!

Our Autumn Term topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City' so put on your best outfit because you're invited to have tea with the King! Use your best manners and comb your hair, as one will not be amused if you don't! What do you know about England's capital city? Let's find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. Step back in time and discover what happened in the Great Fire of London. Where did it start? How did it end? Create a model of the bakery on Pudding Lane, then burn it to the ground to recreate the Great Fire. Stand well back and watch how the flames spread. London's burning! London's burning! Fire, fire! Fire, fire! Hang on, there's someone new in town. Plan a tour for Marley the Meerkat (he's come all the way from Zambia, you know) making sure he takes in all the sights and sounds of London before he finally meets his family at London Zoo.



### English

In English 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' will be a focus text and we will learn about this story through drama, group reading and simple story writing. In addition to this, the children will understand, follow and write simple instructions.



### Maths

In Maths, we focus on recognising and writing numbers, counting on and back from any number to 20 or beyond. The children will learn the value of each digit in a number. We will slowly move on to addition and subtraction using a variety of resources that will suit everyone's ability. Alongside this, we will look at 2D & 3D shapes too.

### Topic

So much to learn and explore in Year 1. We will learn about the sun, shadows, weather and seasons through talking, creativity and watching interesting videos. Everyone will get the opportunity to use simple maps and locate Buckingham Palace, understand compass directions, plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom. In Art and Design, we cannot wait to explore with paint and learn about primary and secondary colours to then create abstract art.

In Music, we will learn traditional British songs and nursery rhymes, which will be lovely for the Crocs to know!

## How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day. You should all have a log-in for MONSTER PHONICS ebooks and we will be letting you know which Stage and book number they should start at.
- 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. When they do read to you, 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 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.
- Ensure your child wears their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.
- Provide a named water bottle for them to use in class. These can be purchased from the school office.

## Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions this year are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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. Alternatively, you may like to send 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.

FRIDAYS- Crocodiles will be taught by Miss Bailey, who the children already know very well and will enjoy being with once again.

## Key Dates:

BOOK WEEK - WEEK COMMENCING 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

LAST DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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

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