



Barleyhurst Park Primary School

Crocodiles Newsletter

Spring 1, 2024

Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!



Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful time during the holidays and you are ready to 'snap' through learning in the Spring Term.



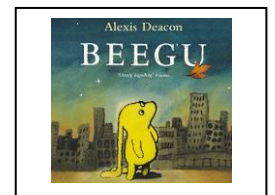
Moon Zoom!

The countdown has begun. Are you ready for blast off?

This half term, we'll travel through space to learn about the Solar System. We'll investigate an alien crash site, write an incident report and try to find the aliens who have landed. Where could they be? We'll make models of the Solar System and design spaceships, aliens and new planets. Books and photographs will help us to learn about the planets and we will listen and sing space songs and perform space dances. We'll also explore satellite images, investigate rockets and use ICT to research and communicate our ideas.









In **English**, we will be creating posters, will write character descriptions, non-chronological reports, adverts and Science fiction stories.

Our initial story in English is 'Beegu' which we will explore through role-play, character description and storytelling and writing.



In **Maths**, we will be focusing on counting, recognising and writing numbers to 40. We will also be adding and subtracting numbers to 40 or beyond and solving word problems. Additionally, we will be consolidating the previous learning (shapes & patterns and place value) and will be learning about height and length.

In **Reading**, we are focusing on fiction and non-fiction Monster Phonics books.

 bricks	 glass	 paper	 plastic
 rubber	 steel	 polyester	 nylon

Our **science** learning focuses on everyday materials.

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.

Please ensure your child has the **Spelling Book** (if they received one) and the **Reading Record** in their bookbag every day.

- Go to your local library to find books about their current topic 'Moon Zoom!'.
- Help them to practise counting, recognising and writing numbers to 20 in numerals and words. Additionally, they can practise counting forwards and backwards to 50 or even to 100.

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 with tape).
- 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**.
- The children will read **a fiction** and **a non-fiction** Monster Phonics book each week.



Dates

- **Friday 16th February** - Last day of the half term.

Finally ...

A massive 'thank you' for your thoughtful wishes and gifts and for your continued support! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are looking forward to continuing the learning adventure in the Crocodiles Class!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 Team