



Crocodiles

Spring 1 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all the Crocodiles and their families. I hope you all had a relaxing break and are returning to school excited about another term of learning and a new topic.

Moon Zoom!

This term our topic is 'Moon Zoom!' and we will be learning all about space and the solar system. In Geography, we will be learning about the continents and oceans which make up our planet of Earth and in Art, we will be experimenting with the use of a variety of media and creating our own space inspired creations. We began our topic on Wednesday this week and we have already been visited by an alien and created some wonderful art work for our classroom.



English

In English, we will be exploring fiction and non-fiction books about space. We will start with the story of Beegu, the lost alien, where we will develop our story and letter writing skills and then move on to study information texts about the sun, stars and planets before creating our own space related factfiles. We will begin to explore the use of question and exclamation marks in our writing and continue to develop our use of simple adjectives and conjunctions.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by learning how to measure height and length using both standard and non-standard units. We will then explore numbers to 40 by comparing numbers and studying number patterns and then move on to investigate how to solve addition and subtraction word problems.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read at least 3 times a week using the online Monster Phonics books. Reading should be recorded in their reading record. This can be your signature or a short comment. <https://ebooks.monsterphonics.com>
- Make sure their library book is in their bag every Tuesday. Children will continue to visit the school library once a week to change their book.
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day, using the 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK' method.
- Support them in completing their homework tasks.
- Practise their blending of real and nonsense words using the free activities on <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Practise their recall of key number facts including their number bonds to 10 and the related subtraction facts on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button>
- Visit the library to borrow some books about our current topic.

Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions will continue to be on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure children 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 at school.

Spellings will be sent home on Monday and the children will be tested on Friday.

Homework is set on a Thursday and is due in by the following Tuesday.

Library books will be changed every Tuesday. Please make sure the book is returned on this day, weekly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Miss Sedgwick