



Crocodiles Newsletter

Spring 2, 2024

Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!

Welcome back!



Welcome back Crocodiles! We hope you had an enjoyable break.

I can't believe that we are half-way through the year. Therefore, I would like to encourage the Clever Crocodiles to continue to work hard, make sensible choices and snap through the learning.

Specialist Week - Diversity

Our specialist week, having the theme 'Diversity', was a wonderful way to express ourselves and show respect and kindness to everyone and everything. It was so lovely to see the children's understanding, curiosity and pride when they took part in a range of activities, such as 'A world for me and you', making delicious Swedish Choklabbollars, learning and performing a song in sign language and creating a model of themselves using different materials to represent their skin tone, hair colour and style.



The week offered the children the opportunity to show and tell each other about their backgrounds (passions, hobbies, special abilities, religions, cultures, language or countries).

The week culminated with the Colour Run which was great fun for children and parents/carers.

Congratulations to all the Crocodiles and their families for playing their role with responsibility and enthusiasm.

Moon Zoom!



During this half term we will be continuing to study the topic 'Moon Zoom!'. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by all around this topic and I hope that continues throughout Spring 2. We will be, amongst other things, designing and creating moon buggies as well as looking at songs, rhymes and stories with a space theme.

In English, the first book we will be reading is 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division as well as looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Fractions will also be studied, focusing just on the idea of a whole, a half, a quarter and three quarters.

Our new topic in Science will be 'Plants', so we are learning to compare seeds and bulbs, identify a range of plants and find out what the plants need to grow. We will be planting our own seeds too.

In History we are going to learn about famous astronauts and we will create timelines.

How can you help your child?

Reading:

- Encourage the children to read every day (if possible, the Monster Phonics books) or other books that they might be interested in (age appropriate).
- Ask your child questions about the book they are reading to develop their comprehension.
- Remember to fill in their reading record (it doesn't need to be much, just the name of the book, the date and who they read with).

Maths:

- Help them practise their counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s (forwards and backwards within 100) as well as recognising and writing the numbers in numerals and words.

Spelling:

- Encourage the children to play sound hunt games, knots and crosses to write words containing the sounds they have been taught.

Weekly routines

- PE is on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

Please ensure that the children come into school wearing their PE kit. Long hair **must** be tied up and earrings **must** be removed or covered with micropore tape before arriving to school.



- Spellings will be sent home on **Friday** and the children will be tested on the following **Friday**.
- Their **homework** is set on each **Thursday** and is due in by the following **Tuesday**.
- Please make sure that the **children's belongings** are **labelled** and they wear our school uniform, not other items of clothing. They must bring a water bottle in daily.

Important Dates

- World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024
- Mother's Day - Sunday 10th March 2024
- Week beginning 25th March - Aliens' Party - (more details nearer the time)
- Last day of term - Thursday 28th March 2024

I hope this gives you an insight into what we will be doing over the coming half term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or any member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 Team