



Crocodiles

Newsletter
November 2025



Autumn 2 already!

Welcome back Crocodiles! I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are returning to school refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting new half-term. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Children in Need alongside our usual curriculum lessons and the countdown to all our Christmas celebrations, including our Nativity, which will begin shortly. What a lot to look forward to!

Bright Lights, Big City!

A new half term, but the same topic 'Bright Lights, Big City!' This time our topic lessons will have a historical focus and we will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. We will create a timeline that shows the key events and use vocabulary, such as first, next, then, after that and finally to talk about our ideas and begin to order information chronologically. We will also find out about how historians learn about the past using sources of evidence and link this to Samuel Pepys' and his diary entries.



English

In English, we will start by writing our own senses poems linked to real life experiences. First, we will create autumn leaf poems and then we will write about fireworks. Our next unit of work will focus on instructions. We will learn to use imperative verbs to create simple command sentences and then write our own sequenced steps linked to other areas of the curriculum. These will include food hygiene and safety rules and instructions for making a fruit kebab.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by exploring numbers from 11-20 and then begin to learn a variety of strategies for adding and subtracting numbers to 20. We will also learn to name and describe simple 2D and 3D shapes using the correct mathematical language. Help your child to start recognising these shapes by looking at everyday objects such as a football (sphere) or pringles tube (cylinder), etc.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read at least 3 times a week. You should all have a log-in for MONSTER PHONICS eBooks. Please make sure you are using the correct link: <https://ebooks.monsterphonics.com>
- Children will continue to visit the school library once a week so please make sure the book is in their book-bag each Tuesday. The children can read their book and other books from home which can be noted in their reading record books too (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.
- Count on and back from any given number up to 100.
- Learn by heart their number bonds to 10.

Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions this year are 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.

Key Dates:

- Friday 14th November Children in Need
- Friday 21st November Cinema visit
- Wednesday 3rd December - Christmas Fayre 2.15 pm-3.30 pm
- Friday 28th November - Last day of Autumn Clubs
- Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December - Nativity Performance 2.30pm

Thank you for your ongoing support

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

Miss Sedgwick
