

# Crocodiles Newsletter

Spring 1, 2023

Crocodiles snap into action ready to learn!

## Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful time during the holidays.

Firstly, we thank you all for the generous contributions and donations that allowed the children to take part in enjoyable Christmas and winter activities last half term.

## Moon Zoom!



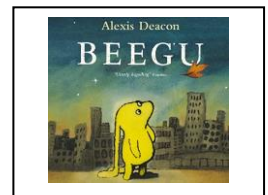
The countdown has begun. Are you ready for blast off?

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, space buggies and space-related toys. Books and photographs will help us to learn about

the first lunar landing and the astronauts who venture into space. Floor robots will be programmed to move around an alien landscape, and we will compose space sounds and dances. We'll also explore satellite images, investigate rockets and use ICT to communicate our ideas and present our work.

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

'Beegu' is our initial focus for English which we will explore through drama, character description and story 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 and solving word problems. Additionally, we will be learning about height and length.

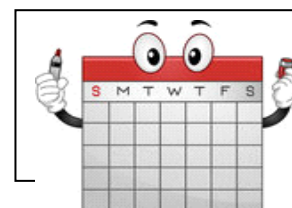
Our science learning focuses on everyday materials.

## How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day (if possible, the Monster Phonics books). When they do their reading, please make a note in their reading record (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- Ask them a range of questions about what they have read.
- Encourage them to practise the spellings they have been set every day.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- 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 100.

## Weekly routines -PE changes

- PE is on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday (starting from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023)**. Please ensure that children come to 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 bring a water bottle in daily.



## Dates

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Last day of the half term.

## Finally and most importantly...

A huge 'thank you' for your thoughtful wishes and gifts and for your continued support! I hope this gives you an insight into what we will be doing over this half term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are looking forward to teaching the Snappy Crocodiles again!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 1 Team