

Crocodiles

We begin this term with lots of settling activities for the children as they get to know their new Key Person, and our new Lower School indoor and outdoor areas. Throughout the term we will be finding out about Crocodiles. We are taking the lead from the children, who have suggested lots of different ways in which we can learn about crocodiles.

Literacy

We will be reading and writing about Crocodiles using a variety of non-fiction texts and *The Selfish Crocodile*. We will also be concentrating on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will do a daily maths “CLIC” which helps us revise what we know and move our maths forward. In Lower School every child does a “Beat That” challenge every week, their challenge is to beat their previous score using their learning from the week.

Understanding the World

As Scientists we will be investigating how to keep crocodile (and human) teeth healthy. We’ll also think about what habitat a crocodile needs to survive.

As Historians we are finding out how long crocodiles have been around, and using timelines to show and describe our findings.

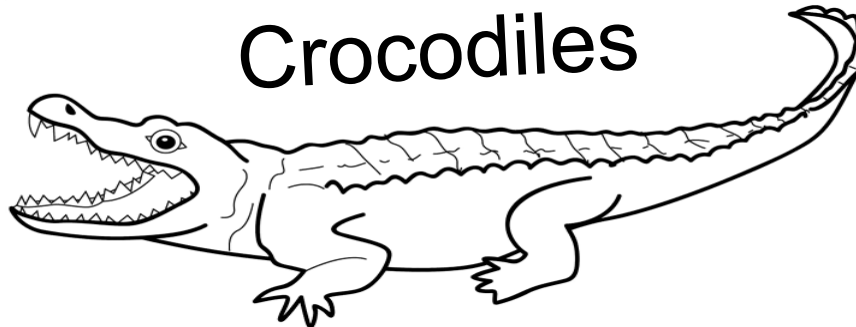
In Geography we shall be discovering different places in the world that crocodiles live and finding out where these places are on a World Map.

Expressive Arts and Design

As Design Technologists. we are learning different folds and cuts to create crocodile masks & models.

As Artists we will be exploring different mediums to create crocodile art.

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Remember – we go out whatever the weather – and love playing in mud, water & sand. So please make sure that your child has wellies and waterproofs with them every day!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th September – Visit from Crocodile World

Thursday 1st October, 1.30 – Harvest Mass

Thursday 8th October – Carmel House Mass

Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October - Parent - Teacher meetings

Monday 30th November – Advent Mass

Tuesday 15th December - Lower School Christmas Performance

Wednesday 16th December – Whole School Pantomime trip

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This term we will be exploring **Special Celebrations**, within our immediate, school and church families. This will include preparing for our Harvest Mass in school. We’ll also explore **Prayer**, and what that means to different people.



Electives

Electives will run each term on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, offering children the chance to focus in on different areas of learning with subject specialist.

Every term each child will do two electives, one of which will be an active one. By the end of the year they will have spent time doing each subject at least once.

Electives include:

- As sports people we will be practicing our a range of skills with sports coach Tom Downs
- As Explorers, we will be working In our very own Forest School area
 - As Dancers, we will design our own cheerleading sequences and choreograph our own crocodile dance
- As Musicians we will explore rhythm and songs with local musician Hannah Rhodes
 - As Historians we will use storytelling to find out about significant events and people in History, this term looking at Africa
- As Computer Programmers we will be programming and predicting simple programming for a variety of robots and using animation software to create simple cartoon sequences.
- As Geographers and Artists we will be using Geography skills to explore Africa and the crocodiles which live in it, then looking at how African art illustrates crocodiles
- As Design Technologists we will be creating and building like designers by: Designing and developing objects, thinking about their purpose, function and uses; Making our designs using different equipment and a range of techniques; Evaluating our creations and finding ways to make them even better.: