



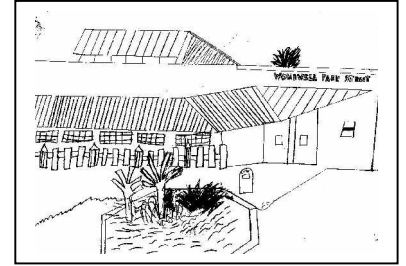
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Dear Parents and Carers of The Concentrating Crocodiles

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I hope you find the contents of this letter useful when talking to your child about what they are learning this term. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it should give you some ideas on how to support your child's learning at home so that they make even faster progress. Please feel free to ask the class teacher if you need any further information or help.

English: We will be learning how to add imagery to poetry; how to write to persuade and how to produce a clear piece of explanation writing. Much of our reading comprehension work will be linked to factual writing linked to environmental issues.

- Please make sure that your child is reading regularly at home. You could work with your child to look through newspapers and magazines to find articles relating to the environment (pollution, global warming, recycling etc). Have a look at advertisements – what kind of words, phrases and images are used to persuade us to buy things?

Maths: We are learning about place value (knowing what each digit is worth up to a million). We will be working on mental addition and subtraction of decimals and, of course, making sure we know all our times tables.

At home, practise addition and subtraction to 100 and keep practising until your child gives you the answer instantly without working out. Practise times tables and division calculations as often as possible. Encourage your child to apply their times table skills to other problems etc ...if they know $6 \times 7 = 42$. Can they work out 42 divided by 6 60×7 6×700 0.6×7 etc.

Science: We will be finding out about how sound is made and how we hear sounds. At home, you can talk about sound, volume on the television, pitch of sounds etc

Topic: We are finding out about the impact of traffic on our environment and also thinking about how we can change our shopping habits to become more eco-friendly.

At home you could discuss this with your child and the next time you pop to the supermarket have a think about packaging, use of carrier bags how far our food has travelled etc

ICT: We are learning how to use the Internet safely and effectively. The Internet is the world's biggest database and we will be learning how to search it effectively and safely. If you are interested in developing

your own ICT skills generally please let me know as it may be possible to set up opportunities after school for you to use our facilities.

At home, please make sure you know what your child is doing on the Internet and help us to reinforce Internet safety.

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery to be worn on these days. Weather permitting PE will be outside and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit on that day.

Mrs Stevens will be our Teaching and Learning Assistant this year.

Homework bags will be brought home daily, reading records, letters and all information relating to homework will be inside. Please ensure your child returns their folder everyday.

Maths Groups This year the Crocodiles will be working in groups for Maths taught by either Mrs Knott or Mrs Longden

Things to look forward to this term:

20th October – Autumn Coffee Morning

2nd- 6th November – Writing Week

16th – 20th visit to Buckden House

Yours sincerely

Mrs Longden