



## KS1 – Growing Up

### Curriculum Links:

- Animals, including humans – 1.** Have off spring that grow into adults.  
**2.** Basic needs of animals for survival (food, water, air)

### Key Terms:

**Hatchlings:** Baby crocodiles and alligators

**Juveniles:** Young crocodiles and alligators

**Adults:** Older crocodiles and alligators

**Hatch:** when baby crocodiles first come out of their egg

**Mature:** When a crocodile is old enough to reproduce.

### Eggs:

**Crocodiles and alligators hatch from EGGS**



This is an egg from a saltwater crocodile.

A 10p coin is there for size comparison

### Nests:

The eggs are laid in NESTS. Some nest are mounds of grasses and other vegetation; some are holes dug into the sandy river bank.



Parents

The mother crocodile will guard the nest

She will even help the baby crocodiles into the water for the first time. Even though they spend a lot of time in the water, they need to breathe air like we do. But they will drink whilst they are in the water.

It can take 15 years for a baby crocodile to mature.

When crocodiles are fully grown, they may be 10,000 times heavier than they were when they hatched!



This image shows a baby alligator on the head of its father.

Number these pictures from 1 to 4, placing them in order from youngest to oldest:



### Collecting Eggs from crocodiles

We collect the eggs from the crocodiles once the eggs are laid. This is so we can control how many baby crocodiles hatch out. Otherwise, we might end up with too many baby crocs.

When we collect the eggs, the mother and father crocodile will try to protect the eggs. Crocodiles are very good parents, and will defend their babies for about 6 or 8 months! That means, it is a little bit dangerous when we do collect those eggs!

When a crocodile is very young, it eats things like insects and small frogs and fish. They are too small to eat anything larger than this.

However, other animals, including birds, fish, turtles and lizards, will eat baby crocodiles!

As they grow, crocodiles eat larger and larger animals. The biggest crocodiles can eat most animals that come down near the water.

**Because crocodiles eat meat, they are called C\_\_\_\_\_ V\_\_\_\_\_.**