

In Year 1 we are keen to develop the children's independence. We suggest that they come into the classroom by themselves and hang up their own belongings. We would be very grateful if you could also encourage them to do this by saying goodbyes at the door.

Class reading books will go out this week and a timetable of the book change days for your child will be displayed on the class window. Book bags will be changed weekly however please bring book bags in every day (this helps to keep any letters or school information in a definite place for you to check). Your child's book change day may change throughout the term. It is important that you read with your child for 15 minutes every day.

PE: It is essential that your child has their kit each week. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their full PE kit. If you do not wish for your child to participate due to illness / injury, please can you send in a note.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly via the school office or when you drop off/ collect your child.

Trips

During the term there will be class trips to enrich and support the work your child is doing in class. If you can come with us on any school trip this is greatly appreciated.

It is lovely to have parents/carers with us and I know it adds a boost to you child's day too.



The Betty Layward Primary School Year 1 Class Newsletter

Welcome back to your child's first half term at Betty Layward this year.

We have an action packed term ahead of us with many exciting topics and learning!

If you would like to speak to me or if you wish to make an appointment please let me know.

For this half term our topic is

Change and Grow



Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/whatisweather/

www.metoffice.gov.uk/education/kids/



Announcements

We will be hosting a 'meet and greet' with the teachers at 3:30pm on Thursday 15th September. Please come along if you would like to find out more about Year 1.

If you have any experience which may link to our topic (such as seasons and weather), please inform the class teacher.



PE



PE will take place on **Wednesdays** during the morning with Simon our Sport's Coach.

We will learn techniques in Invasion games to support ball skills, and be taught basic skills in Gymnastics to include travelling, being still, finding space using it safely, both on the floor and using apparatus. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for PE to take place outside.

This term the children will get to take part in weekly yoga sessions with a specialist yoga teacher.

Science

We will observe changes across the four seasons and understand and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

We will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults.

History

We will understand the changes within living memory throughout our lives and recognise how we have changed.

Geography

We will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and reflect on this throughout the year.



Music

The children will receive weekly music lessons with Barney and singing lessons with Mel McHugh.

English

In English this term we will cover the following units:

- Taking an in depth look at stories with patterned language and traditional tales.
- Thinking about the different characters and how they behave.
- Writing stories and recounts from the point of view of different characters as well as creating our versions of the story.

Maths

In Maths this term we will cover the following units:



Number

- We will Count in 1s to 30 and on to 100; read numbers to 30 in words and figures and recognise the value of each digit in a 'teens' number.

Calculation

- We will learn to say which number is more or less of two numbers and to say the number that is 1 more than a given number.
- We will be learning to count on 1 and 2 from a given number.
- By the end of this half term we will know addition facts for pairs that total up to 6 and we will be able to relate addition facts to an understanding of addition, including + and -.



Religious Education



We will understand that different religions have special festivals to say thank you to God for our natural world and that the Harvest Festival is a Christian celebration. We will explore how the Harvest festival is celebrated in our community and that we all have things we should be thankful for.

Computing

We will learn the skills needed to use technology appropriately. Computing will also be used throughout the school curriculum, through a range of media e.g. microphones, cameras and camcorders.

Homework It is still very important that your child reads every day for a minimum of 15 minutes and has the opportunity to listen to text/stories every week. The children will receive one piece of homework and spellings from January 2017.

