



The
Betty Layward
Primary School
Year 1 Class Newsletter

Welcome back to Autumn 2 at
Betty Layward.

We have an action packed half
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

Changes

We will be looking at changes in
ourselves, animals and the
environment.



Announcements

Thank you to the parents/visitors who have volunteered their services this half term. Your help with Daily Supported Reading in the morning has been invaluable! If you would like to help with reading, we would very much appreciate more support. Please see Salwa if you are available.

We will be working towards a school nativity this half term! We will be calling upon you to help your child learn their lines, make costumes and rehearse songs.



PE

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.

It is very important that your child has a suitable PE kit. All kits can remain at school for the half term .

Art

We will be exploring art from around the world, describing the differences and similarities. We will create our own art using a range of materials and techniques.

Science

This term the children will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals including birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and fish. We will be describing and comparing different animals. We will also be honing our investigation skills by asking questions and thinking about how they might be answered.

History

This term we will be looking at changes in history. We will examine pictures of ourselves at different ages, and noting how we have changed and developed over time. We will be asking questions, observing ourselves and others, and thinking about the past and the present.

In Year 1 we have had great success with the class attendance and punctuality awards, which are shared on a weekly basis at Betty Layward on Friday's. The children really enjoy winning the trophy. Lets keep this up! Please can you support your child to be in school on time and able to enter the classroom via the playground entrance daily. We open the doors at 8:55 so the children can be settled and ready for the day. Please check the book change rota for your child's book changing day. 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 and rehearse common exception words.**

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 year 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.



Useful Websites:
 These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:
 Find out about animals—
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z9yycdm>



English

In English this term we will cover the following units:

- Taking an in depth look at stories with a familiar setting and traditional tales (Jack and the Beanstalk/The Three Little Pigs). We will identify good and bad characteristics of a traditional character and re-write a traditional tales.
- We will write stories and recounts from the point of view of different characters as well as creating our versions of the story.
- We will continue to follow Read, Write, Ink Phonics scheme of work .



Maths

In maths this term we will cover the following units:

Number
 We will continue to count in 1s , 2s, 5s and 10s to 20 and on to 100, and exploring addition and subtraction number facts.
 We will be comparing number, using the language 'fewer' and 'more'
 We will be ordering number, understanding the language 'smaller', 'greater', 'smallest', 'greatest' etc.
 We will be understanding the position of objects, and using positional language, e.g. I am standing 4th in a queue, I am behind him, the 7th drink from the right.



Shape and pattern
 We will explore shapes and patterns. We will be recognising 2D shapes and 3D shapes within our environment.
 We will be forming repeated patterns, and identifying the next shape in the pattern.

Religious Education

We will understand the story of the nativity and celebrate by learning and sharing our own nativity performance as a modern production.

Computing

We will have computing lessons where 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. ipads.

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. Thank you for helping your child with their half-term homework. We are excited to see the projects, they really help the children to get involved with the topic.