

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 and rehearse high frequency 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:

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm>
www.mathletics.co.uk



The Betty Layward Primary School Year 1 Class Newsletter

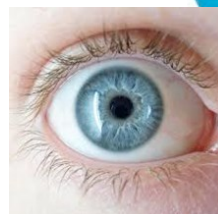
Happy New Year and Welcome back to your child's second term at Betty Layward this year.

This is a very important term for the children where they will be tackling new and exciting challenges.

You can help by ensuring your child does:

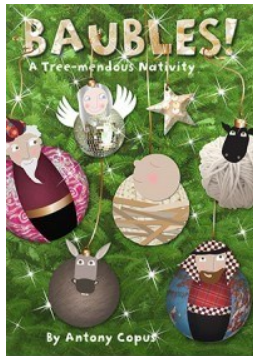
- read every day
- practise number bonds to 20
Eg. $(16 + 4 = 20, 17 + 3 = 20)$
- rehearse reading and writing the 100 Common Exception Words (these have been provided).

For this half term our topic is **Discovery**



Announcements

Thank you for supporting Year 1
with our very successful Nativity;
The Christmas Bauble



In Year 1 we are keen to win the class attendance and punctuality awards shared on a weekly basis at Betty Layward on Friday's! Please can you support your child to arrive at school on time and be able to enter the classroom via the playground entrance.

PE



We will create and perform dances using a range of movement patterns and play. In the second half of term, we will make up small-sided and modified competitive net, striking/fielding and invasion games.

It is very important that your child has a suitable PE kit. All kits will be sent home more frequently for washing.

Science

This is mainly learning about the basic parts of the human body, knowing that there is a skeleton, muscles, nerves and main organs inside the body. We will learn about our senses and how we use them.

History

This longer topic combines discovery of other places in history and of ourselves (body and senses in Science). We will understand this by discussing the role of discoverers and the importance of their finds. We will refer to some significant people such as Mary Anning and Neil Armstrong and make a comparison between their lives, times and events.

Geography

We will use world maps and atlases to locate the place of discovery, plot the journeys and extend the children's geographical ability to identify countries, continents and oceans.

Literacy

In literacy this term we will cover the following units:

- Taking an in depth look at stories with a familiar setting. We will look at superhero's and write stories to include a goody and a baddy.
- We will explore types of vocabulary to include adjectives and verbs.
- We will learn how to write a question.
- We will write learn to write instructions.
- We will continue to follow Read, write, ink Phonics scheme of work.



Numeracy

In maths this term we will cover the following units:

Number

We will continue to count in 1s, 2s and 5s to 100.

We will relate this to our times table facts. We will continue working on addition and subtraction, this time to 20, using and recognising teen numbers.

Shape

We will be looking at pattern, using shapes to create repeated patterns. We will review 2D and 3D shapes.

Religious Education

We will learn about **Muslims in our community**. We will identify what Muslims believe, the five pillars of Islam and Muslim celebrations.

Computing In computing we will be producing short videos and develop our understanding of algorithms... by becoming TV chefs! The children will learn how to break down a process into steps, use ipads to capture moving images and work as a team to create a TV cookery show.

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 a piece of homework and spellings fortnightly.

