

Reading Diaries

During the Autumn term your child's reading diary will be checked and signed.

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.

Reading every day gives children the much needed opportunity to practise reading with fluency and expression. It is great practice to ask them lots of questions after reading so they develop their comprehension skills.



Daily Supported Reading

Some of our year 2 pupils would really benefit from daily supported reading each morning.

If you have had DSR training and are able to help we would love to have you on board.

Please come and see us to register your interest.



Trips

During the half term there will be a local trip 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. You will, however, need a current DBS check. If you would like to join us in the future please speak to the wonderful Maxine in the office, who will be more than happy to help!



Useful Websites:

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

*** <http://www.mathletics.co.uk> ***

⇒ A wonderful and entertaining web site to further those mathematical skills! If your child needs another copy of their mathletics login, please come and see us.

<http://www.ictgames.com>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<http://www.clissoldpark.com>



Betty Layward
Primary School

Year 2 Class Newsletter
Autumn 1 — 2016/17

Welcome back to the first term at Betty Layward.

We have a fantastic, first term ahead of us!

If you would like to speak to us about anything regarding your child or school, then do come and speak to us either before or after school.

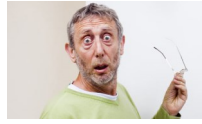
This half term our topic is:
Ground Force!



We will be learning about the plants and what they need to grow. We will also be mapping our local area to discover the best places to grow plants.

Stephen Airey
Michael Buck
Dawn Mason

Announcements



Welcome to Year 2!

This half term we will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' for all Year 2 parents and carers. It will be an opportunity to find out more about the year ahead and meet the class teachers. This will take place in Peach Class after school on **Wednesday 14th September**. It would be lovely if you could come.

Please note there will be a further meeting regarding SATs at the beginning of the summer term.

Dates for the Diary

Year 2 'Meet and Greet' - Wednesday 14th September
National Poetry Day—Thursday

More dates for the diary will be announced via the class whiteboards

Literacy

We will be:

- Creating free verse poems and studying various poets
- Writing our own stories by adapting traditional tales
- Exploring explanation texts

Numeracy

We will be learning about:



- Numbers and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication, doubling and repeated addition

⇒ There will be a focus on learning our 10x table off by heart and our number bonds to 10.

Science

We will be learning to:



- Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants
- Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of plants, including trees
- Describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy



PE

P.E will take place on **Tuesday mornings**.

It is essential that your child has their kit each week. A note will be sent home if your child does not have the correct PE kit. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their full kit.

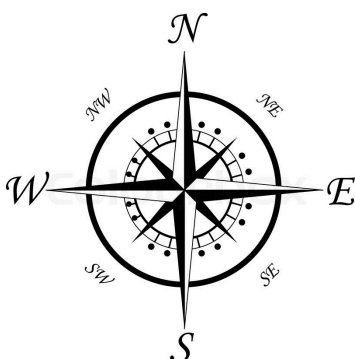
Geography

Our Geography topic this half term will involve learning about our local environment and developing our mapping skills.



We will be:

- Using aerial images and other models to create simple maps of the local area with keys and symbols
- Using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the immediate environment.



Religious Education

We will be learning about:

- Hinduism and what they believe.
- We will be learning about different Hindu Gods, their roles and relationships to each other.



Art

Year 2 will be working with Kelly, our dedicated Art teacher, on Tuesday. We will be using the natural world as inspiration for our artwork.

Homework

It is important that your child continues to read every day for a minimum of 15 minutes and records this in their diary. Homework will be given out each week on Friday and will be expected by Wednesday. It will consist of either a Literacy, Maths or Topic activity.

