

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 also important to ask them lots of questions after reading so they develop their comprehension skills.



Trips

If you could come with us on any school trip this would be greatly appreciated. You will however need a current DBS check if you would like to join us.

To join us on a trip a DBS check is a requirement.

Please speak to Max in the office to arrange a DBS check—it's easy!



Useful Websites:

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

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/>



Betty Layward
Primary School

Year 2 Class Newsletter
Autumn 2 —2016

Welcome back to our second term at Betty Layward!

We have a busy term ahead in the lead up to Christmas. Just seven weeks left!

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:



Under Construction

We will be learning about how materials are used to make different structures. We will consider the properties of materials and their appropriateness in building.

**Stephen Airey
Michael Buck
Dawn Mason
Muryam Bhatti**

Dates for the diary!

7th November—WOW Day

8th November— Individual photographs.

10th November – Parent-Teacher Meetings

8th December –Apricot Class Assembly

10th December - Christmas Fair

13th December - Reception/Year 1 Nativity

19th December – Christmas Lunch

20th December—Christmas concert

21st December—Last day of term

Please refer to the newsletter for



Literacy

We will be:

- Creating calligrams and studying the presentational features of shape poems.
- Writing fairy tales based on the story of The Three Little Pigs.
- Writing reports based on scientific learning.

Numeracy

We will be learning about:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division



Science

We will be learning to:

- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses
- Carry out an investigation focusing on the suitability of a material and give reasons for our findings

PE:

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



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.

This term we will be doing gymnastics in the hall and so children will be bare footed. If your child has a medical reason which would stop them from participating in bare feet, please bring in a note.

History

Our history topic this half term will involve learning about modes of transport throughout the ages.

We will be:

- Using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time
- Identifying similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods of time
- Understanding some of the ways we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented

D.T.

In D.T. we will focus on structures. We will be thinking about a design the appropriateness of materials

We will be:

- Designing and making a moving vehicle with wheels and axles.

Religious Education

We will be learning about:

- Explore holy texts, symbols, festivals and traditions for the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah

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 in by Wednesday. It will consist of either a Literacy, Maths or Topic activity.

Spellings will also be given out on Fridays. Please ensure your child is practicing their spellings throughout the week.

