

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 if we are going to split children in to groups.



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



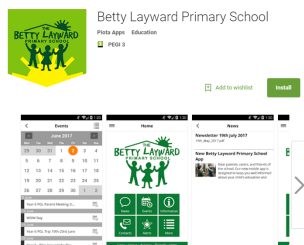
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Betty Layward
Primary School

Year 2 Class Newsletter
Spring 1 —2017-18

Welcome back to our second term at Betty Layward!

We've got a fun-filled term coming up and Easter is just around the corner!

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:



We will be learning about life within the Tropics and how life abroad compares to life here in the UK.

**Stephen Airey
Emma Vickers
Dawn Mason
Muryam Bhatti
Emily Barker**

Dates for the diary!

8th January—.Wow Day

15th Jan—KS1 Parent Workshop

Wk of 15th Jan — Grandparent's Week

25th Jan—Apricot Class Assembly



PE:

P.E will take place on **Monday 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.

Geography

We will:

- Explore life in a small non-European area of the world
- Compare life abroad to life in the UK
- Learn to use maps and atlases
- Learn the 7 continents of the world and 5 of the world's oceans
- Learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities
- Use maps and aerial photographs to explore an area
- Learn about seasonal weather changes
- Create maps using symbols and a key
- Use geographical language relating to physical and human features of an area

Music and Singing

This half term Barney will be taking Year 2 for weekly music and singing lessons.

English

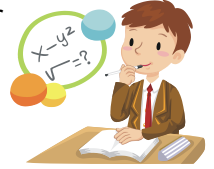
We will:

- Write a range of genres around a book in a tropical setting
- Create non-chronological reports on the subjects of animals

Numeracy

We will be learning about the four operation within the context of.:

- Length
- Mass



We will also learn about:

- The Bar Model
- Fractions

Science

We will learn about:

- A variety of animals and their habitats throughout the world's oceans and continents
- Animals, and how they have offspring that grow in to adults
- The basic needs of animals to survive

ICT

We will be using the internet on a range of different mediums to search for information and pictures for our non-chronological reports. We will also be learning to present our information using a variety of computer programs.

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 **every 2 weeks**. It will consist of a Maths activity and a list of spellings to be learnt over the two weeks.

There will be a spelling quiz and times tables quiz **every 2 weeks**. This will be recorded in children's homework books.

Half term topic holiday projects will continue as last year.