

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.



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!



Don't forget to check out the school website, Instagram account and our new Betty Layward app. These will keep you up to date with what is happening at Betty Layward as well as giving you an opportunity to share in more of your children's learning.



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Primary School

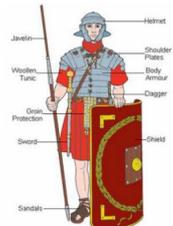
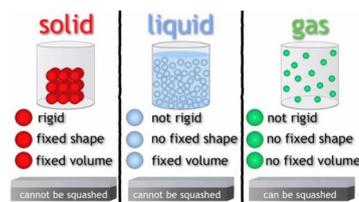
Year 4 Class Newsletter
Autumn 1 — 2018/19

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:
What's the Matter Romans?



We will be learning about states of matter and how they can change when heated and cooled. We will also be exploring the effects of the Roman invasion of Britain.

Mike, Cat, Bibi, Karren

Announcements

Welcome to Year 4!



This half term we will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' for all Year 4 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 **Thursday 21st 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

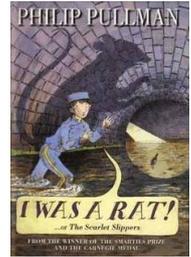
Year 4 'Meet and Greet' - Thursday 21st September
National Poetry Day—Thursday

More dates for the diary will be announced at a later date

Literacy

This term Year Four will be using Philip Pullman's, *I Was A Rat! Or The Scarlet Slippers*, to inspire our English learning. Throughout this half term the children will have the opportunity to write in the following genres;

- In role as a character
- Diary entries
- Newspaper reports.
- Persuasive writing.
- Letter writing.



Mathematics

We will be learning about:

- Numbers up to 10,000
- Addition and Subtraction within 10,000.

The children will spend longer on these two aspects of their maths learning to ensure that they have a deeper understanding. This will ensure that they have truly mastered all the concepts related to these mathematical topics before moving onto other areas.



PE

P.E will take place on **Wednesday**.

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.

Science

We will be learning about states of matter.

The children will be exploring how different materials fall into the categories of liquids, solids and gases. We will also be making enquiries into how materials change between these states by heating and cooling. Finally we will look closely at how evaporation occurs and its role within the water cycle.



History

Our History Topic is: **Roman Britain**

We will be answer the following historical questions.

- What is it like to be invaded ?
- Who were the Romans and would they have enjoyed coming to Britain?
- Would you prefer to be a Gladiator or a Premiership footballer?
- What did the Romans do for us?
- How could you be as fit as a Roman?
- Why did the Romans need to build forts?
- Who was Boudica and why did she become so famous?
- Who were the famous Romans and what do we know about them?

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be learning about the Jewish faith through exploring the Synagogue. We will also discover some of the rituals and traditions celebrated and observed by people of the Jewish faith.



Computing

We will be learning how to be software developers. As part of our learning we will :

- Develop an educational computer game.
- Understand use variables.
- Start to debug computer programs.
- Recognise the importance of user interface design.

Homework

Homework will now be fortnightly. The first lot of homework will go out on Friday 8th of September to be returned two weeks later. Children will also be completing spelling tests in their homework books. We ask that you spend time reviewing these with the children.

