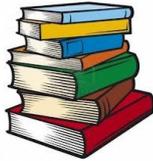


## Daily reading

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. Please ensure children are logging their home reading in their reading diaries which will be checked in school weekly.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.

## Trips

We have a very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting things in the diary to look forward to.

We will be taking a trip to the Science Museum to go on the 'Electrifying Electricity' trail. We also have Sports' day, Spanish week and our Open City architecture project to look forward to.



## Useful Websites:

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

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)  
[www.history.org.uk](http://www.history.org.uk)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/history](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11)  
[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)



## Betty Layward Primary School

Year 4 Class Newsletter  
Summer 2 — 2018  
Mike, Cat, Bibi, Victoria, Dave

Welcome back to the last half term  
of year 4!

This half term our topic is:  
**Bright Sparks!**



We will be finding out all about  
Electricity, including wiring our  
own electrical circuits!

## The library

Each class has a weekly 20 minute slot in the library. During this time they can return, renew and have new books issued to them. Books can be renewed for up to two weeks.

Fuchsia class' library slot is on **Wednesday** and Cerise class' slot is on **Monday** this half term so please encourage your child to bring in their library books on this day if they have finished them and wish to take out a new book.

Year 4 will also have access to the library during Tuesday lunchtimes. This time is for quiet reading as well as returning, renewing and taking out new books.



## P.E.

P.E. with Simon will take place on **Tuesday**.



It is essential that your child has their P.E. kit each week. If they forget it they won't be able to take part in the lesson.

Swimming will continue to be on **Tuesday** afternoon for **Fuchsia Class** and **Thursday** afternoons for **Cerise Class**. Children must have a full swimming kit which includes a swimming hat. Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume, no two piece costumes.

## Science

Our Science topic is: Electricity

We will be:

- Identifying common appliances that run on electricity.
- Constructing a simple electrical circuit using cells, wires, lamps, switches and buzzers.
- Making and testing switches in a circuit.
- Recognise conductors and insulators and associate metals with being good conductors.
- Research and present information on a scientist who has made significant advances in electricity.

The children will be focussing on the following Science enquiry skills:

- Setting up simple scientific enquires.
- Using results to draw conclusions, make predictions and suggest improvements to investigations.

## English

We will be:

- Reading 'Leon and the Place Between', a graphic novel by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith. We will respond to it using drama, narratives and persuasive writing.



## Maths

We will be learning about:

- Length
- Area
- Properties of shapes
- Position and movement
- Maths review



There will be a focus on learning our 7, 11 and 12 times tables by heart.



## History

Our History topic is: Victorian Entertainment

We will be:

- How leisure and entertainment has changed in from 100 years ago.
- How technologies have changed.
- How children's games, sports and music tastes have changed.

The children will be focussing on the following Historical enquiry skills:

- Giving reasons to support a historical argument.
- Communicating historical understanding orally and through writing.

## Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday to be return on a Wednesday two weeks later.

We will endeavour to create homework that practises skills being taught that week at school. This gives the chance to consolidate what they have learned.

