

# Beckley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a full and exciting year to come in Hobby class. Whether Year 5 or Year 6, we hope that the coming days will see your children happy, reassured and looking forward to what the next term brings. For Year 6, in particular, this will be a busy year from the outset and a chance to make the most of opportunities over their final year at Beckley, whilst Year 5 will work with increasing independence and maturity in building their understanding of the UKS2 curriculum.

Although working collaboratively and flexibly across the week, teaching responsibilities will be shared between **Mr Dyer**, who will lead on Mondays and Tuesdays, and **Mrs Alexander** on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. In support, **Mrs White** will be in class each morning (whilst also leading for the equivalent of one afternoon per week), with **Mrs Hotston-Moore** also joining us for two mornings. Along with provision of special SEN support every day, **Mr James** will also assist across the whole class as needed. **Mrs Cockhill** will take the children for French.

Core subjects of **English** and **Maths** will dominate most mornings, whilst other ('foundation') subjects will feature on a rolling basis across the afternoons.

Mr Dyer's **Maths** sessions will start with focus on conception of number at UKS2 level, whilst Mrs Alexander will be extending understanding around shape and position and presenting the children with regular shared investigations. **English** content will be broadly split between discrete SPaG-based skills and reading with Mr Dyer, whilst Mrs Alexander's sessions will feature creative writing and extended comprehension activities, typically around ongoing class novels.

There will be regular workshops in **Science**, putting varied areas into investigational context and followed in class by reporting opportunities. Lessons will otherwise move on to ensure curricular coverage, and will see the children revisiting a range of aspects before settling focus on Materials and Changes of State.

Topic lessons will see work in **History** around World War Two, with the children already having started to raise questions for the start of their research, and with the promise of interesting class discussion and workshop activity. There will also be a short **Geography** focus on Maps and Mapping Skills.

**Art & DT** will include the likes of printing, line and space, an artist study, calligraphy and textiles.

With Harvest and Christmas upon us before we know it, **RE** lessons will start with Christianity but will see opportunities to draw from other beliefs and traditions as the term progresses. Cross-curricular links

will be made with History, Music and Art and, where appropriate, we will run lessons alongside our ongoing **PSHE** and **Values** curricula.

Over the early part of the term, **PE** is timetabled for Mondays (in school) and again later in the week (including Thursday Swimming at Barton Pool). Year 6's programme will also include outdoor sports, adventure and team-building during their week at PGL. Please ensure that kit is kept in school *at all times* to accommodate any timetable changes, and that suitable shoes and clothing are provided for both indoor and outdoor activity. Swimming kit should be in school on Thursdays.

**Homework** will be issued on Fridays, for return by the following Tuesday. There will also be on-going spelling practice and tasks on Mathletics set for home, and an expectation of daily reading and regular entries into reading diaries. As time progresses, the children will also have access to other on-line learning platforms covering a range of subjects.

Thank you in advance for your support in encouraging your children in their efforts to do their very best. Our priority, however, is that they stay happy and confident throughout the year, so please feel free to catch us for a brief chat at the end of a school day or, in the event of larger questions or concerns, visit the office to request an appointment.

Our very best wishes

Jude Alexander and Steve Dyer

Hobby Class teachers