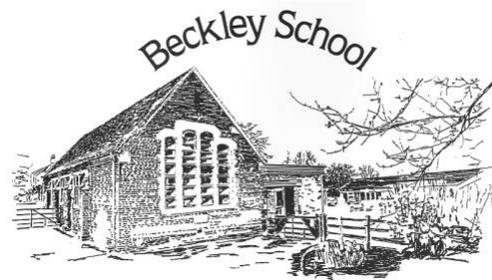


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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new and exciting time, as your children enter Skylarks class. This is also an exciting time for me as their teacher and I feel very privileged to have your children in my class once more.

I will be in regular touch regarding what Skylarks are up to as curricular content develops but, for the time being, would like to put you in the picture about what to expect as we move through this term.

Mrs Baker will join us in class each morning this year. **Mr Dyer** and **Mrs Baker** will lead sessions in Science and P.E. in my absence on Wednesday afternoons and **Mrs White** and **Mrs Baker** will take sessions in Reading and Art in my absence on Friday afternoons.

PE is planned for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, although the children should continue to bring kit every day, as extra sessions are always a possibility. Skylarks will start swimming in January and these sessions will always take place on a Thursday. Please also ensure that your child has a named **water bottle** at school each day.

Homework will be given on **Fridays**, to be returned on (or before) the following Wednesday. Aside from set homework, please encourage your children to keep-up their *Mathletics* practice and to continue to read on a daily basis.

In order to inform my planning in the longer term and to ensure appropriate coverage for all children as they work towards end-of-year goals, I am making informal assessments over the first couple of weeks of this term. My current priority in Maths and English is to revisit and develop some key basic skills. In **English**, I will start by focusing on how the children use descriptive language to enhance their writing and in **Maths**, I will be focusing on extending number skills and calculation strategies.

In **Science**, we will focus on how we perform Science investigations effectively, and this will then lead to a study of Properties and Changes in Materials. In **Geography** and **History**, we will be focusing on our topic of World War Two this term.

Harvest will soon be upon us and we will consider its celebration through a number of faiths in **RE**. We will also have a focus on Christianity this term. In **Art**, I plan to introduce a topic on portraits before introducing aspects of line and space. In **P.E**, the children will enjoy learning skills in field games before moving on to dance later in the term.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to catch me for a brief chat at the beginning or end of the school day, or you may arrange an appointment if there are any larger questions or concerns. I can be available by email on lcockhill@beckleyschool.com for those parents who are unable to catch me at these times.

My best regards

Laura Cockhill

Skylarks Class teacher