



## Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the New Year for Tufted Duck Class! In this letter I would like to give you some information about what we will be learning at school this term.

### Literacy and Numeracy

We have made fantastic progress with our Phonics last term. Most of us can recognise, say a cue word and write the following letters correctly, saying the formation rhyme: s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,f and l. We will now be moving onto Phase 3 Phonics. It is really important that children remember how to form the letters correctly so feel free to keep practising the letters we have covered to date at home!

In Numeracy we have worked hard on recognising and writing our numbers to 20, which most of us can now do! At home continue to practise writing numbers and counting to 20 and back from 20 to zero. This term we will be looking at shape, measures, estimating and exploring different addition methods.

### Topic and Science

Our topic focus this term is The Vikings. We will be learning about what life was like in the Viking age and compare it to life today. We will be linking our art and design to the Vikings and Science by exploring longboats and materials. In Science, we will be exploring different materials and their uses. We will even be making our own paper!

### PE

Our PE days until half term will be Thursdays. However, we recommend keeping your child's PE kit in school every day so we can be flexible and respond to changes in the weather or timetabling.

### Mystery Reader

We are starting a new initiative at school where a mystery reader will come and read to the children on a Friday afternoon. This reader could be a parent, member of staff or even another child in the class. There will be a list outside the classroom where you can feel free to sign up to be a mystery reader. Please place in brackets whether you would like to read to the whole class or to a small group and please bring a book with you. We are really excited about this initiative!

If you have any questions about your child's learning, do get in touch with us at school. We believe that learning is most effective when it is a partnership between school and home. The children have already made a great start to the term and we are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bedding and Mrs Jones