



Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Hobby Class! It's great to have the children back in school. Although things look a little bit different now, there's still the excitement of learning together. I will be teaching the class from Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Alexander teaching on Fridays. Mrs White will cover PPA time on Wednesday afternoons and will be the class High Level Teaching Assistant on weekday mornings.

Our topic for the autumn term will be 'Comparing People and Places'. We'll learn about the physical and human geography of our local area. We'll compare this with an urban location in the UK as well as places in Europe. We'll also use Texas, USA, as a comparison. Our class novel, Holes, is set in the Texan desert. For RE, we will begin with Human Rights and Social Justice, before moving on to Christianity.

The full range of topics we will cover can be seen in our Topic Overview. While we aim for a broad and balanced curriculum, we will allow a little more time for English and maths this term, until we are confident we have caught up on any lost learning from lockdown.

PE is planned for Wednesday with an external sports coach, although please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day as extra sessions are always a possibility. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day, along with a named jumper, coat and wellies as we use our outdoor areas as much as possible. Children should bring in a healthy snack to eat at morning play. Please note that nuts are NOT permitted in school.

Homework will be set on Google Classroom on Thursdays, to be returned on (or before) the following Wednesday. This week all children have practised logging in to their Google accounts and accessing work on Google Classroom. Aside from set homework, please encourage your children to keep up their Mathematics practice and to continue to read on a daily basis.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Alexander via the school office or by email (rhouston@beckleyschool.com, jalexander@beckleyschool.com) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to an exciting term!

Yours sincerely

Rick Houston and Mrs Alexander