



Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Lapwing 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 (assisted by Mrs Chicken), with Mr Szortowski teaching on Fridays.

Our topic focus for this autumn term is the Victorians. We will be learning about what life was like during this time, and will look at schools, hospitals and transport. In addition, we will research what was invented during this period, and significant people of the time such as Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale and John Cadbury.

The full range of topics we will cover can be seen in our Topic Overview. Whilst 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 that we have caught up on any lost learning due to the 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. Your child should have a named water bottle in school, along with a named jumper, coat and wellies as we use our outdoor areas as much as possible. Children are welcome to 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. 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 get in touch with me at school. We are looking forward to an exciting term!

Yours sincerely

Steve Dyer and Mark Szortowski