



## Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Little Egret Class. In this letter I would like to give you some information about the learning and routines in the class. I am very aware of the restrictions that the current situation has placed on teaching and learning and will do my utmost to ensure that all the children have a wide range of learning experiences in the safest environment possible.

### History

Our history focus for this time will be 'The Victorians'. We will be exploring who Queen Victoria was, what life was like for children and lots of different inventions from this era. During this topic, there will be many links to different aspects of the curriculum such as English and Science. This will be an excellent opportunity to make comparisons between different periods of time and explore different Victorian artists for Art and inventions for DT.

### Science

In Science this term we will be learning about 'Animals, including humans'. We will be looking at habitats, types of animals, adults and babies. There will be links to PSHCE and History when we explore humans and identities.

### Reading

We teach children to read through whole class sessions, group sessions and one to one reading sessions. This year there will be a big focus on 'book talk'. Your child will be given a reading folder and book next week. Please return your child's reading folder to school on **Fridays** as their books will be changed once a week. When you hear your child read at home please write in the reading diary.

### PE

Our PE days until half term will be Monday. 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. Kits can go home at the end of every half term – or each weekend if you prefer. If any PE kit becomes particularly dirty before this time, we'll let you know.

### Homework

Homework will be slightly different this year. We are excited to be delving into Google for Education and the service known as Google Classroom. Information regarding how this is accessed from home has been sent out via ParentMail. Children will be using Google Classroom in school and will very quickly become familiar with the way it works. I shall stick Google logins in the front of their Reading Record. We shall be setting homework on this platform where it can be submitted. Homework will be set on a

**Friday.** In order for me to have time to respond and comment, please make sure that it is submitted by the following **Wednesday**. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about this.

Snack

Please send in a clearly named healthy snack for your child to eat at morning play. We do not allow crisps, chocolate bars or cakes. Instead we encourage fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, dried fruit or cereal bars. Please note that nuts are **NOT** permitted at school due to children with severe nut allergies. We provide a healthy fruit or vegetable snack for afternoon play, as well as a drink of milk. Please provide a named water bottle that contains only water. Juice and squash are not permitted during class time.

Yours sincerely

Miss Higson