



## Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new and exciting time, as your children enter Skylark class. This is also an exciting time for me as their teacher and I feel very privileged to have your children in my class. I know that the children have spent a long time away from school during the lockdown but I am pleased to be able to welcome them to this new adventure in Skylark class. I am very aware of the restrictions that the current pandemic has placed on teaching and learning but as a school, we will do our utmost to ensure that the children have a wide range of learning experiences in the safest environment possible. With that being said, there will be a slightly greater emphasis on Reading, Writing and Maths in the coming weeks, where we will focus on any areas of last year's curriculum, which have not been fully grasped. I will be in regular touch regarding what Skylarks are up to as curriculum content develops but, for the time being, I would like to put you in the picture about what to expect as we move through this term.

Mr James will join us in class each day this year, and Mrs White and Mr James will lead sessions in PSHE and Art on Monday and Friday afternoons. PE is planned for Mondays with an external sports coach outside, although the children should continue to bring kit every day, as extra sessions are always a possibility. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle at school each day, along with a named jumper, coat and wellies as we use our outdoor area at many opportunities. Children are welcome to bring in a clearly named healthy snack to eat at morning play. However, 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.

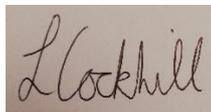
Homework will be set on Google Classroom on Fridays, to be returned on (or before) the following Thursday. Aside from set homework, please encourage your children to keep-up their Athletics practice and to continue to read on a daily basis.

In order to inform my planning in the longer term and to ensure appropriate coverage for all children as they move forwards, I have been making informal assessments over the last couple of weeks. In English this term, within our fiction unit, we will be looking at fables, fantasy and Biographies/Autobiographies. After half term, we will be working on non-fiction specifically recounts, instructions/explanations and travel writing. In Maths this term, we will be working on place value, addition and subtraction and after half term, our focus will shift to perimeter, area, multiplication and division. Other highlights for this term include a History and Geography topic about Comparing People and Places, with an emphasis on looking

at the history and geographical features of Beckley, and comparing this to other parts of the world. The children will also be carrying out an Autumn topic within their Art lessons this term.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please feel free to contact me by telephone (01865 351416) or by email ([lcockhill@beckleyschool.org](mailto:lcockhill@beckleyschool.org)) and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes

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Laura Cockhill