



Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Tufted Duck Class. We have been looking forward to our exciting new class and welcome all our new children to the beginning of their learning journey through Beckley School. We are very aware of the restrictions that the current situation has placed on teaching and learning. We will do our utmost to ensure that all the children have a wide range of learning experiences in the safest environment possible. In this letter we would like to give you some information about our learning and routines.

Topic

Our main priority at the beginning of the year is to establish class routines. Through discussion and activities we encourage children to become confident and secure in the classroom. We actively encourage sharing and turn taking through playing lots of games and discussion. We assist children in developing their independence and explore learning opportunities both indoors and outside.

Our topic focus this term is *Victorians*. We will be looking at how life has changed since the Victorian period. There will be links between our Topic lessons and our PSED and UTW work on humans and differences between cultures.

Reading

We teach children to read through group sessions called Guided Reading. A small group of children will discuss and read an appropriate book together with an adult and spend time on important 'book talk.' Your child will be given a reading folder and book next week. Please return your child's reading folder to school on **Mondays**. When you hear your child read at home please write in the reading diary.

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. 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.

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.

Water

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Their water bottles are kept accessible in the classroom. Please provide a named water bottle that contains only water. Juice and squash are not permitted during class time.

Clothes

Children need a **named** jumper, coat and wellies at school as we do use our outdoor area at all opportunities. It can be useful to put a spare set of named clothes in their school bag in case of a toileting issue.

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. We are looking forward to an exciting school year together with your children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bedding and Mrs Jones