



## 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. It has been lovely having the whole of Year 4 and 5 together in the classroom and they have all been settling in well over the past week or so. I will be in touch regularly throughout the year 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.

In **English** this term, we will be reading “The Boy At The Back Of The Class” as our whole class novel. English lessons will link with this, as well as encompassing our poetry, report and recount writing topics. In **Maths** this term, we will work on place value, addition and subtraction and after half term, our focus will shift to length, perimeter, multiplication and division. Other highlights for this term include a **History** topic about the Maya Civilisation and an **Art and Design** study of patterns and illusions. After half term, the children will be studying an Earth and Space topic within **Science** lessons and they will also build their knowledge of counties and cities within the U.K. in **Geography** sessions. Our whole-school **Value of the Term** is Responsibility, which will integrate with our other learning. Full details about the curriculum can be found on the attached Topic Overview.

Miss Mayall will join us in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays this term as an Associate teacher, training and teaching the children alongside me. Mrs White will also lead an Art and Design/ D.T. session each week on a Tuesday afternoon. P.E. is planned for Mondays with an external sports coach outside, so please can the children come to school in their P.E. kits each Monday. Trainers should remain at school so that they can be worn for the Daily Mile on other days of the week. 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 from the list provided by Miss Wilkie and the school office.

**Homework** will be set on Fridays, to be completed on (or before) the following Thursday. This will begin with Mathematics assignments each week, and please continue to encourage your child to read on a daily basis.

If you have any questions about your child’s learning, please let me know before or after school. You are also welcome to contact the office by telephone (01865 351416) or email ([office@beckleyschool.org](mailto:office@beckleyschool.org)) if you would like to arrange an appointment, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes

Laura Cockhill