



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 warmly welcome all our new children to the beginning of their learning journey through Beckley School. We hope that you have had a lovely Summer break. 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 *All About Me*. This is a great way to start the school year and learn more about each other. We will explore things that we like / do not like and discuss our hobbies. We will think about our families and people who help us. Further information about curriculum coverage can be found in the separate Class Topic Overview. Our whole-school Value of the term is Responsibility which will be integrated with our other learning.

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.' Please note that children may often start on wordless picture books until their phoneme recognition and blending becomes more confident. In the next couple of weeks your child will come home with a reading folder and a book. Please return your child's reading folder to school every **Monday**. When you hear your child read at home please write in the reading diary and let us know how they got on.

PE

Our PE days until half term will be Wednesdays. Please could children come to school dressed in their PE kit with the appropriate colour T-shirt for their House. They should arrive at school in the morning wearing their school shoes, and carry their PE shoes/trainers in their school bag.

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, yoghurt 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 notify us of any allergies that your child has.

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 via the school office: office@beckleyschool.org; the school phone number is 01865 351416. 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