

P.E.	The children continue to have 'Action Van' on Mondays where this term's games activities will be Multi-skills and Basketball. We will also be undertaking cross country and rugby. Swimming will also continue until the 9th February.
Music	The Year 4 children will be part of a group that will be learning to play samba instruments with the Dorset Music Service. They will also be learning how to play the ukulele with Mrs Leather.
Computing	In computing this term we will be finishing off the webpages that we have been creating. We will then move on to use the Scratch program to design mini games for the other children in our class to play.
Art and Design	Through the topic of ' The Tudors ', the children will have the opportunity to develop their artistic skills when using a variety of media such as water colour and poster paint, sketching pencils, paper craft etc. We will also be discussing Henry VIII's infamous flagship – The Mary Rose – and boat construction during this exciting period.
R.E.	Judaism - the children will consider the importance of Passover for the Jewish people. Easter – is forgiveness always possible for Christians?

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Spring Term 2018



Oak Class

Year 4

The CURRICULUM

Dear parents,

We started the term by looking at the highlights of 2017. It was interesting that we all struggled to remember what we had been doing in January and February of last year and how all of us had good memories of the Summer Holidays! We then turned our attention towards what we hoped to achieve in 2018 and I was pleased to hear that many of the children have expressed the desire to become masters of times tables!

In English our first topic is 'Myths and Legends'. We have already had fun recalling some of our favourite ones. It was interesting to note that one of the most popular ones so far was 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading the wonderful story of 'How to Catch a Mermaid' by Jane Ray and are going to use it as a stimulus to write our own sea-based myths.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday. We are however, going to start testing the children on a Monday with the spellings that they have been asked to learn. Little and often is the best way to learn both the spellings and times tables off by heart and we would ask you to encourage your children to do this.

I hope that this gives you a flavour of some of the work that we will be carrying out this term, but please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss your child's needs further.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Scotchmer
Oak Class Teacher

English	This term we will be looking at myths and legends, story writing, play scripts and recounts.
Maths	In Maths we will focus on negative numbers, decimal fractions and improve our understanding of area and perimeter. We will also be looking at converting measurements.
Science	Science this term will consist of two different targets. At first we will be looking at the topic of Earth and Beyond where we will learn about the planets in our Solar System and at why we have seasons and what causes night and day. Our second topic is electricity where we will look at the difference between a simple, series and parallel circuit. We will then attempt to use our knowledge to create a simple alarm system.
History	Our History topic for this term is the Tudors . We will look at what every day Tudor life was like for the rich and the poor. We will also be looking at King Henry VIII and the Spanish Armada.
Geography	In Geography we are going to be looking at the countries of the UK and Europe and how their importance to the events of the Tudor period. We are also going to look at some of the counties of England .
PCSHE	This term we are going to focus on the Christian value of perseverance.