

P.E.	The children continue to have 'Action Van' on Mondays where this term's games activities will be multiskills and basketball. We will also be undertaking cross country and rugby. Swimming will also continue until the 9th February.
Music	<b>Samba</b> - The 'Musicianship Programme' is a 10 week programme that introduces pupils to the skills of instrumental music making. The aim of the programme is for students to get a hands-on taste of music making and work towards a performance during their final lesson.
Art	<b>Marc Chagall</b> We will explore this artist's use of colour and the concepts of surrealism and early cubism that he portrays in his work. Children will also: observe and use a variety of techniques to show the effect of light on objects and people e.g. use rubbers to lighten, use pencil to show tone, use tones of the same colour and also look at the effect of light on an object from different directions.
Design and Technology	<b>Engineering</b> What is an engineer? What different types of engineer are there? Children will devise design briefs, produce labelled diagrams, consider properties of materials etc. to build model boats, rockets and aeroplanes.
Geography	<b>The Antarctica</b> – we will be investigating why the world's highest continent is covered in an extremely thick sheet of ice, studying maps, latitudes and longitudes, the wildlife and the inside story on a volcano in an ice desert!
History	<b>Ernest Shackleton</b> We know he was one of the most well-known Antarctic explorers but who was he really? What inspired him? What were his main achievements? Why is his name synonymous with determination and bravery?

# Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents  
Spring Term 2018



## Oak Class

Year 5



## 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	<b>Evolution and Inheritance</b> Living Things – the children will be exploring the classification system devised by Carl Linneaus and using the system to identify different animals and plants from near and far. A new animal has been discovered – can the children employ their newly-honed classification skills to identify it? They will also be investigating Darwin's theory of evolution by researching adaptations and mutations of animals over the years. Can they design an animal that will succeed in the 'Game of Survival'?
PCSHE	This term we are going to focus on the Christian value of perseverance.
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.
R.E.	<b>Judaism</b> - the children will consider the importance of Passover for the Jewish people. <b>Easter</b> – is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
French	<b>Greetings and Family</b> - through written, spoken work and drama. French culture, culture, cuisine songs and traditions.