

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Spring Term 2018



Willow Class Year 6

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	The life and works of Benjamin Britten - We will be learning the New Year Carol using instruments and vocal activities.
Computing	Creating websites and e-safety We will then move on to use the Scratch program to design mini games for the other children in our class to play.
Design Technology	Engineering 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.
Art	Marc Chagall 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.
PCSHE	Going For Goals Knowing myself, setting a realistic goal, planning to reach a goal, perseverance and making a choice Being Me in My World Understanding my feelings Managing my feelings
Geography	The Antarctica – 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	Ernest Shackleton 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?

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and that the children are prepared for some hard work this term. The early signs are very promising! We are continuing to take a cross-curricular approach to our lessons and as such, our main topic will be 'Ernest Shackleton and his voyages to the South Pole.' We will also be delving into the world of engineering and doing some engineering of our own! Our Christian values this term are 'Perseverance' and 'Justice'.

As the Year 6 SATs examinations draw nearer (week beginning 14th May), homework expectations will increase. Additional targeted pieces of homework will be set for your child; these are intended to reinforce classroom learning, but not be too onerous. The children have received their revision books and will need to be well-organised and committed to completing homework. I have no doubt at all that they are capable of this! Please feel free to assist your child if required, but initial the work so I know that some support has been given. Thank you.

P.E. will take place on Mondays when children will need warm, outdoor PE kit and swimming will continue to take place on Fridays. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for having the right kit and equipment in school on the correct day. The accountability lies solely with them. You will have now received initial details about the Summer Residential trip to Barton Hall; more information will follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to drop in.

Thank you for your continued support.

R Bond

Willow Class Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher

THE CURRICULUM

English	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Letter writing and story openings Descriptive and persuasive writing Instructional texts Information texts and explanations Narratives Chronological writing Persuasive writing Journalistic writing Grammar, punctuation and spelling Inference and deduction
Maths	Topics include: place value, written calculation methods, decimals and fractions, 2 and 3D shape and angles, measurements and written multiplication, mixed calculations and word problems. Practice written papers and Arithmetic SATs papers will be worked through periodically to allow children to become familiar with exam-style questions and exam techniques.
Science	Evolution and Inheritance 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'?
R.E.	Christianity Creation/Fall - Creation or Science: conflicting or complimentary? Salvation – What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?
French	Greetings and Family - through written, spoken work and drama. French culture, culture, cuisine songs and traditions.