

Geography/History	Motte and Bailey castles Stone Keep castles William the Conqueror Why castles were built Features of a castle Rainforests including animals, foods and life
P.E.	The children will take part in gym including floor work and large apparatus. They will also take part in ball skills including football skills.
Music	The learning will be based around the theme of 'Everyone!' and 'Our World'. The children will explore family, friends, people and music from around the world. The lessons will adopt an integrated approach to music using games, singing and instruments to learn about pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.
Computing	Various games and activities using ICT programmes to help improve the children's mouse control. Creating and colouring pictures using a computer or iPad.
Art and Design Technology	Art work based around the topics, including designing and making castles, shields, snakes, canoes and the work of Henri Rousseau.
PCSHE	The children will take part in circle time activities to discuss the themes of 'Going for goals' and 'Good to be me'. This includes thinking about abilities, strengths, self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.
R.E.	Celebrations – Jesus as a friend. Looking at friendships and Jesus's friends. Easter and Palm Sunday – Looking at why Jesus is special to Christians at this time of year.

# Buckland Newton CE Primary School

## Information for Parents Spring Term 2018



## Beech Class Reception & Year 1



## General Information

This term we will be focusing our planning around the half-termly topics of 'Castles' and 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

The **Reception** children will continue to be introduced to a letter sound each week and be given follow up tasks to do at home in their phonics' folder, until they have covered all the sounds. They will be introduced to reading books at appropriate times. Please listen to your child read their book and write it in the yellow record book. These books will be changed a couple of times a week, so long as they have read the book at least twice.

The **Year One** children will continue to bring home reading books, word cards and spellings as appropriate. They will also be giving their weekly computer-based maths task which is designed to support the work that we are doing in class and is an opportunity for your child to talk about their work. Homework will be set on a **Friday** and needs to be completed by the following **Thursday**. New spellings will be **set on a Friday**, and will be assessed the following **Friday**. Please can I remind you of the importance of listening to your child read their school reading book at home. It does not have to be the whole book, but a small amount of reading every day will make a big difference to your child's reading.

**Library books** will be changed on a Monday, time-permitting!

Our timetabled **P.E.** day will be a Thursday and Friday. Please could children leave their P.E. bags on their pegs in the cloakroom for the whole half term. I will however, let you know if it needs to be washed in the meantime. Our school PE kit is blue shorts and/or jogging trousers with a white T-shirt/polo shirt. Please could children, especially Reception, also keep a spare change of school uniform and underwear in school just in case of any accidents.

Please could all children have **wellies** in school on a Wednesday, as we will be taking part in Outdoor Education sessions during the afternoon session. The Reception children may also need wellies for other days of the week so it would be helpful if the wellies could be kept in school.

Please could everyone have a **water bottle** for during the school day and keep it on the shelf and not in their bags. Please make sure it contains water and not squash.

Sharing will take place on the children's set day of the week. If you need a reminder of their day, please ask. They will be able to share items to do with our topic. Please could I also remind you that children should not bring **toys** to school.

Due to space constraints, there is not room on children's pegs for rucksacks as well as PE kits and coats.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Helen Leather  
Beech class teacher

English	The children will develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills whilst encountering narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts. This term we will focus on Fantasy Stories, Instructions, Poems about Feelings, Fairy Stories, Information Texts and Question Poems.
Maths	The children will be following the primary curriculum for Maths. We will focus on counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers as well as carrying out number operations (+ - x and ÷). The children will also encounter shapes and measures and take part in regular problem-solving.
Science	We will be investigating magnets and looking at materials and what objects are made from. Children will also be describing the simple physical properties of materials.