

Geography/History	Through our topic of 'Plants and Growing' we will be learning about some amazing plants and trees that grow around the World. When our topic changes at half term to 'Under the Sea' the children will be learning about a famous person in history – Grace Darling.
P.E.	The children will take part in learning a dance focused around Country Dancing. They will also take part in ball skills, including football skills.
Music	The learning will be based around the theme of 'Your Imagination' and 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay'. The lessons will take 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. They will use BeeBots for programming. Creating and colouring pictures using a computer or iPad.
Art and Design Technology	Art work based around the topics, including drawing and painting plants and under the sea creatures. They will also be making felt flowers.
P.S.H.E	The children will take part in circle time activities to discuss the themes of 'Relationships'.
R.E.	Judaism – this topic will be spread over the whole Summer Term. The first part of the term will focus on Shabbat and the second part of term will focus on Chanukah.

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Summer Term 2018



Beech Class

Reception & Year 1

General Information

This term we will be focusing our planning around the half-termly topics of 'Roots, Shoots and Fruits' and 'Under the sea'.

The **Reception** children will continue to be introduced to a letter sound each week and given follow up tasks to do at home in their phonics folder, until they have looked at 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 given 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 **Thursday**. New spellings will be **set on a Friday**, and will be assessed the following **Friday**. Please can I remind you again of the importance of listening to your child read their school reading book at home. It doesn't 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, so long as time allows!

Our timetabled **PE** day will be a Monday and Wednesday. Please could children leave their PE 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 blue 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 **Friday**, as we will be taking part in Outdoor Education sessions on a Friday afternoon. The Reception children may also need wellies for other days of the week. It would be great if the wellies could be kept in school.

Please could everyone have a **named 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.

Please could children not bring in a rucksack as well as their book bag. There is not room on their pegs for rucksacks as well as PE kits and coats.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Vicki Yeatman

English	The children will develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills whilst encountering narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts. For the first half of term we will focus on traditional stories, letters and postcards and nonsense poetry. For the second half of the term we will focus on stories about families, information texts and action 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	The children will learn the names of a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will learn about the structure of plants and be able to name the parts of a plant. They will plant seeds and record their germination/growth in a diary.