

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.
Music	The Year 3 children will be part of a group that will be learning to play samba instruments with the Dorset Music Service. They will all be learning how to play the ukulele with Mrs Leather.
ICT	Following on from the work that they did with the Beebots in Y1, the children will apply their programming skills by using a programme called Logo. They will start to learn the basic commands and build up to creating a procedure that should produce a monster face.
Art and Design Technology	Through the topic of ' <b>The Tudors</b> ', 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.
PCSHE	'Dreams and Goals' – the children will be identifying successes and achievements, thinking about setting realistic targets and the importance of perseverance. 'Healthy Me'- the children will be exploring how to stay healthy and how the choices they make will influence them.
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.
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.

# Buckland Newton CE Primary School

## Information for Parents Spring Term 2018



### Maple Class Year 2 & 3



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I am very happy to be back in Maple Class and have enjoyed catching up with all the children and meeting some new faces. We have already had a busy and exciting start to the New Year with plenty more to come!

The structure of Maple Class will remain largely unchanged. The children will be taught in Maple classroom each morning and then join the Year 4s and Mr Scotchmer in the afternoons. Morning sessions will be taught by myself and we are very lucky to have Mrs Croft teaching in Maple Class every Wednesday morning.

Please note that the days on which homework and spellings will be set this term have changed slightly:

- **Daily reading** – it is expected that your child is heard to read at home regularly.
- **English homework** – children will be set a literacy-based task each **Friday** to be completed in their homework books and handed in the following **Thursday**.
- **Electronic maths homework** – children will be set a maths task each **Friday** that they will be able to access using their Active Learn log in. This should be completed by the following **Thursday**.
- **Spelling homework** – spellings will be set on a **Friday** and the children will be tested the following **Friday**.
- **Times tables** – set every **Monday** and the children will be informally tested the following **Monday**.

P.E. will continue to take place on Monday and Friday afternoons. It would be best if the children could leave their P.E. bags on their pegs for the duration of the half term.

All children have a space in the classroom for their water bottles and are encouraged to bring water to drink during the day. **Year 2s** will be provided with a healthy snack at break time every day. **Year 3s** are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit/veg to eat at snack time.

Children are encouraged to share items from home that relate to our topics. We also love for the children to share any achievements or exciting experiences that they have accomplished outside of school. Please could I remind you however, that children should not bring **toys** to school.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kind regards

Mrs Helen Taylor (Maple Class Teacher)

English	<p>The children will develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills whilst encountering a variety of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts.</p> <p><b>Letters:</b> We will be using two books by <b>Oliver Jeffers</b> to inspire our letter writing. As well as investigating the features of a letter, we will be using role play to stimulate a range of imaginative scenarios to write about.</p> <p><b>Fiction Texts:</b> We will be exploring the works of <b>Satoshi Kitamura &amp; Hiawyn Oram: Angry Arthur; In The Attic &amp; Millie's Marvellous Hat.</b></p> <p><b>Non-chronological Reports:</b> We will learn how to structure, plan and write non-chronological reports about unicorns and dragons. We will even be inventing our own amazing creatures to write our reports about!</p> <p><b>Poetry:</b> We will investigate and discuss poem types and features. Throughout the module we will explore poetry through drama and write new versions of some poems that we have read including <b>Macavity and The Owl and the Pussy Cat</b></p> <p>Guided reading activities are undertaken daily. Grammar will be incorporated throughout all our topics. In addition, we will have a dedicated weekly Phonics/SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lesson.</p>
Maths	<p>We will focus on securing our knowledge of number and place value, counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers.</p> <p>We will build on our knowledge of using the <b>four number operations (+ - x and ÷)</b>. During the term the children will also encounter <b>fractions, shape and time</b>.</p> <p>The units are interrelated and there is deliberate repetition of topics to encourage children to see the links between different areas of the Maths Curriculum.</p> <p>In addition, we will have a dedicated weekly problem solving lesson.</p>
Science	<p>Science this term will consist of two different targets. At first we will be looking at the topic of <b>Earth and Beyond</b> 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.</p>
R.E.	<p>'The Miracles of Jesus' – the child will explore the 'miracle' stories from the bible and discuss whether Jesus really could heal people.</p>