

Geography/History	Motte and Bailey castles Stone Keep castles 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 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. Staring to look a coding using iPads and Beebots.
Art and Design Technology	Art work based around the topics, including designing and making castles, shields, snakes, canoes and the work of Henri Rousseau.
P.S.H.E	The children will take part in circle time activities to discuss the themes of 'Keeping My Body Safe', 'Listening to my Feelings' and 'People Who Help Keep me Safe'.
R.E.	Celebrations - New Year etc Easter and Palm Sunday – Looking at why Jesus is special to Christians at this time of year. This term's Christian values are Perseverance and Justice.

# Buckland Newton CE Primary School

## Information for Parents Spring Term 2020



## 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 a letter sound each week and given follow up tasks to do at home in their phonic folder, until they have looked at all the sounds. They will be introduced to reading books at appropriate times. Please do 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 Thursday**, and will be assessed the following **Thursday**. Please can I remind you 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.

We would love the children to continue to bring home **Library books** to share and enjoy at home. We are looking for a volunteer to help the children change their library book and choose a new one, do let me know if you can help. We need someone once a week (either morning or afternoon) for up to an hour to enable this to happen. Thank you.

Our timetabled **PE** days will be Wednesday and Thursday. 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 **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 unless they are to share as part of our topic.

Thank you for your support  
Mrs Helen Leather

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	Looking at Everyday Materials: what things are made from, why materials are used for certain jobs, what characteristics materials have. Seasonal Changes: Looking at Winter and moving into Spring.