

P.E.	The children continue to have 'Premier Sports' on Mondays where this term's games activities will be multiskills and basketball. On Wednesdays this term, the focus will be dance. With strong cross curricular links, our topic 'Folk Dances From Around the World' will introduce the children to some traditional dances from all over the globe and inspire them to perform their own versions in the same style.
Music	Through the song 'I want to be in a band', the children will learn about 'rock' music by listening and appraising different 'rock' artists, singing, playing instruments, composing and improvising.
Computing	The children will be looking at creating pictures on the computer as well as improving their mouse and keyboard skills.
Art and Design Technology	Our artwork and Design and Technology will be linked to our science topic 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We are looking at the work of the author/illustrator Eric Carle and using his style to produce minibeast collages. Later we will be exploring the jungle habitats created by Henri Rousseau to inspire our own habitat artwork. The children will be using a range of different media and a wide variety of techniques.
P.S.H.E.	The children will explore the themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Keeping Myself Safe' • 'Rights and Responsibilities'
R.E.	Collective Worship – this term the children will explore the values of 'perseverance' and 'justice' In R.E. we will be exploring the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does praying five times a day help a Muslim in their everyday life? • Judaism – Passover • Our Christian Values are Perseverance and Justice this term.

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Spring Term 2020



Maple Class Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! This term already promises to be very busy, and we are lucky to have student teacher Miss Laura Turnbull with us; both teaching and supporting learning.

Your child will continue to bring home reading books and spellings as appropriate. **Please can we remind you how important it is to hear your child read at home.** Please record when you have heard your child read in their yellow reading record. Each morning following a 'read' at home, your child is allowed to stamp their reading chart. After fifteen stamps they get a 'dip' in the prize bag!

Your child will also be given a weekly computer-based maths task which is designed to support the work that we are doing in class. Please use the 'ActiveLearn' login they used last year. New spellings will be set **each Friday** and will be assessed the following **Friday**.

English homework will be linked to their classroom learning and sent out in a homework book on a **Friday**. Please return completed homework by the following **Tuesday**.

Our timetabled **PE** days will be **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please can your child leave their PE bag on their peg in the cloakroom for the whole half-term. We will let you know if it needs to be washed in the meantime.

Your child should bring a filled **water bottle** to school each day and will be provided with a healthy fruit/vegetable snack for breaktime. They are welcome to bring their own snack if they wish.

First thing in the morning is always very busy in our classroom, so if you would like to discuss something at length, please could you make an appointment through the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Helen Croft & Mrs Helen Taylor

The Curriculum

English	The children will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-fiction information texts• Instructions• Recounts• Humorous poems
Maths	The children will continue to follow the primary curriculum for Maths. This includes learning about number and place value, calculating, measuring, identifying and describing different 2D and 3D shapes and telling the time.
Science	In our Science lessons this term, we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. During this topic the children will explore the habitats around our school and beyond to find out more about the creatures that live there. We will be examining food chains, making our own bug hotels and even growing our own vegetables later in the term.
Geography/ History	Our History topic is Florence Nightingale and the impact she had on hospitals and the care of patients. In Geography we will be looking at maps to identify key physical and human features and using plans and photographs to plan perspective and recognise landmarks.
Modern Foreign Languages (French)	The children will be introduced to the French language through games and songs that will teach them colours, animal names, numbers, fruit and vegetables.