

P.E.	We have Premier Sports on Mondays where this term's games activities will be Football and Tag Rugby. On Fridays we will be continuing with our swimming lessons in Year 4.
Music	This term Oak Class have the opportunity to learn the Ukulele and a brass instrument. They will be exploring how to play their chosen instrument each week. We will conclude our term's learning with a small musical concert. The children will also continue to learn the language of music and stave notation.
Computing	We will be exploring simple algorithms using programs such as Scratch and creating a PowerPoint presentation to support their history topic on 'The Romans'. They will continue to learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly whilst they use the web for research purposes. We will discuss ways of reporting concerns about content and contact and how to stay safe on the web.
Art and Design Technology	Our Art this term will be closely linked with our topic on The Romans where we will explore mosaics and pottery. Our Design Technology project is linked with our knowledge of Forces and Magnets where the children will design an animal with a moving component. We will explore mechanisms such as cams and followers, simple cranks or cranks and sliders.
P.S.H.C.E	We will be working with the S.C.A.R.F (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) programme. The theme for this term will be 'Keeping Safe'.
R.E.	This term the children will explore what it means to be a Christian and what Christians believe. Our Christian Values are Perseverance and Justice this term.

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Spring Term 2020



Oak Class Year 3 & Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers

I am very excited to be joining Buckland Newton School and I am looking forward to a great term. Having visited with Oak Class before Christmas, I am confident that we can continue the year smoothly and with high expectations.

Spellings will still be issued to every child weekly, with a set for them to take home and practise. Spellings will be tested on a **Monday** and a new set will be sent out **on the same day** if they have been successful. If not, the children may repeat the current word list.

Homework will continue to be sent out on a **Friday** and will need to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. The Maths homework will be mainly set online, through the ActiveLearn website but the children will also be expected to practise their multiplication tables each week and can use TT Rockstars to help them. The English homework will be in children's Homework books and linked to the unit being covered in class.

Our timetabled **PE** days will be **Monday** and **Friday**. Please can 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. The term begins with **Swimming** lessons on a Friday. Also could we request that everyone have a **water bottle** for their personal use during the school day – We will be continuing to encourage the children to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Continued support with reading at home is gratefully appreciated as this makes an incredible difference to the children's progress throughout the year. Encouraging the children to talk about their books and share their thoughts about the character and plot development will enrich their understanding for reading comprehension. Please record their reading achievements in their reading records so that we can continue to celebrate their reading at school. Thank you.

First thing in the morning is always very busy in our classroom so if you would like to discuss something at any length, please could you make an appointment to meet with me through the school office. I am usually available after school, once I have made sure the children who travel on the bus are safely on their way.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Melanie Lambert
Oak Class teacher

The Curriculum

English	This term we will continue working with our Pen-Pals to help support handwriting. Within our units for this term we will be looking at myths and legends, recounts and traditional poems linked to our Roman Topic as well as stories about imaginary worlds, non-chronological reports and performance poetry.
Maths	The children will be following the primary curriculum for Maths. We will focus on the use of number, area and perimeter, mass and capacity and decimals and fractions. Our main focus for the term is multiplication and division, encouraging the children to learn their multiplication tables so that they can recall these at speed.
Science	We will be studying the states of matter and investigating how different materials change with temperature. After half term we will explore electricity and use our knowledge to create burglar alarms.
Geography/History	In History we are looking at the Roman invasion and its impact on Britain. This will include a visit from the Dorchester Museum to support our learning about the Romans. In Geography we will be investigating different types of settlement and land use by understanding geographical differences and similarities when comparing the Jurassic Coast and the Caribbean.
MFL	This term we will be exploring vocabulary and verbs for our topics.