

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Spring Term 2020



Willow Class Years 5 and 6



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| P.E. | The children continue to have 'Premier Sports' on Mondays where this term's games activities will be multiskills and basketball. We will also be undertaking cross country and rugby. Swimming will also continue for the first 5 weeks of the spring term. |
| Music | Bucket drumming: The children will be using their percussion skills, with chairs to start with progressing onto buckets, using rhythm alongside a range of popular music from the 60s up to modern day. |
| Computing | Creating websites and e-safety We will then move on to use the Scratch program to design mini games for the other children in our class to play. |
| Design Technology | Engineering What is an engineer? What different types of engineer are there? Children will devise design briefs, produce labelled diagrams, consider properties of materials etc. to build model boats, rockets and aeroplanes. |
| Art | Antarctica themed artwork. Stylised Landscapes taking inspiration from the non-fiction text Shackleton's Journey. Creating sketches and patterns using a variety of mixed media. |
| PCSHE | Going for Goals Knowing myself, setting a realistic goal, planning to reach a goal, perseverance and making a choice. Being Me in My World Understanding my feelings Managing my feelings |
| Geography | The Antarctica: we will be investigating why the world's highest continent is covered in an extremely thick sheet of ice, studying maps, latitudes and longitudes, the wildlife and the inside story on a volcano in an ice desert! |
| History | Ernest Shackleton We know he was one of the most well-known Antarctic explorers but who was he really? What inspired him? What were his main achievements? Why is his name synonymous with determination and bravery? |

THE CURRICULUM

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and I am really enjoying working with my new class in the forthcoming year. The early signs are very promising! We are continuing to take a cross-curricular approach to our lessons and as such, our main topic will be 'Ernest Shackleton and his voyages to the South Pole.' We will also be delving into the world of engineering and doing some engineering of our own! Our Christian values this term are 'Perseverance' and 'Justice'.

As the Year 6 SATs examinations draw nearer (week beginning 11th May), homework expectations will increase. Additional targeted pieces of homework will be set for your child; these are intended to reinforce classroom learning, but not be too onerous. The children have received their revision books and will need to be well-organised and committed to completing homework. I have no doubt at all that they are capable of this! Please feel free to assist your child if required, but initial the work so I know that some support has been given. Thank you.

P.E. will take place on Mondays when children will need warm, outdoor PE kit and swimming will continue to take place on Fridays for the first 5 weeks of this term. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for having the right kit and equipment in school on the correct day. The accountability lies solely with them. Year 6s will have now received initial details about the Summer Residential trip to Barton Hall; more information will follow. Year 5s will have their first residential to Mill on the Brue at Bruton, this is for two nights from 30th March to 1st April 2020. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to drop in.

Thank you for your support.

Stuart Galloway, Willow Class Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher

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| English | <p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Letter writing and story openings Descriptive and persuasive writing Instructional texts Information texts and explanations Narratives Chronological writing Persuasive writing Journalistic writing Grammar, punctuation and spelling Inference and deduction</p> |
| Maths | <p>Topics include: place value, written calculation methods, decimals and fractions, 2 and 3D shape and angles, measurements and written multiplication, mixed calculations and word problems as well as algebra and statistics. Year 6 children will practice written papers and Arithmetic SATs papers will be worked through periodically to allow children to become familiar with exam-style questions and exam techniques.</p> |
| Science | <p>Evolution and Inheritance: Living Things – the children will be exploring the classification system devised by Carl Linneaus and using the system to identify different animals and plants from near and far. A new animal has been discovered – can the children employ their newly-honed classification skills to identify it? They will also be investigating Darwin's theory of evolution by researching adaptations and mutations of animals over the years. Can they design an animal that will succeed in the 'Game of Survival'?</p> |
| R.E. | <p>Christianity Creation/Fall - Creation or Science: conflicting or complimentary? Salvation – What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?</p> |
| French | <p>Greetings and Family - through written, spoken work and drama. French culture, culture, cuisine, songs and traditions.</p> |