

P.E.	For the first half term the children will be doing football. They will work on their ball handling skills and learn about attacking and defending. After half term the children will be doing gymnastics; where they will learn a range of skills including travelling, rolling, balancing and jumping using different body parts.
Music	During our music lessons, the children will use the theme 'Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch' to explore what these terms mean and how they combine when we sing and play instruments. The children will use a variety of skills, including singing, playing instruments, listening to and appraising a wide variety of music and performing.
Computing	The children will learn about 'Technology Around Us' and build on their computing skills, including using a computer responsibly and developing mouse and keyboard skills. After half term, the children will continue to build on these skills to produce digital art.
Art and Design Technology	'Portraits and Poses': After exploring famous portraits in different styles, the children will create self-portraits and portraits of a partner. This term the artwork will be linked to seasonal periods and themes. The children will be using different media and a wide variety of techniques.
P.S.H.E.	The children will explore the themes of: • 'Me and my relationships', including feelings, emotions, conflict resolution and friendships. • 'Valuing difference' in self and others.

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Autumn Term 2025



Maple Class Year 1 and Year 2

Ready, Respectful, Safe

*Let your light shine -
on everyone, everywhere, everyday
(Mathew 5:16)*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are returning to school feeling relaxed and refreshed. We are very excited to welcome all the children back to school into Maple Class and we can't wait to get 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 reading diary and this will ensure the books are changed quickly. We like children to read their books twice to increase confidence and fluency.

Your child will have a maths homework task on Doodle each week. These tasks are designed to support the learning that we will be doing in class.

New spellings will be set **each Friday** and will be tested the following **Friday**.

Our timetabled **PE** day will be **Tuesday**. 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. PLEASE make sure all school clothing, particularly jumpers and cardigans, are **clearly named** so that we can return them easily to their owner.

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

We have set up our online classroom on Class Dojo, to which you should have received an email invitation. Please use this to contact us if you have any concerns or worries. If you need to speak to someone urgently, report an absence or discuss something at length, please make an appointment through the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Helen Taylor & Mrs Helen Croft

The Curriculum

English	The children will be learning about: • Fact Files • Persuasive Letters • 'How To' Guides • Poetry
Maths	The children will be following the primary curriculum for Maths. This term includes learning about number and place value, addition, subtraction and shape.
Science	We will be learning about 'Everyday Materials' – their properties and uses. Throughout all our science lessons the children will be encouraged to work scientifically by asking questions, predicting outcomes, making careful observations and recording their findings. We will also be exploring 'Seasonal Changes' later in the term.
RE	Collective Worship – this term the children will explore the values of 'Thankfulness' and 'Trust'. Christianity: (Incarnation) Why does Christmas matter to Christians? Judaism: Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year? The children will also be involved in a Nativity production.
History/ Geography	This term our history project will be Magnificent Monarchs. The children will learn some historical vocabulary, be introduced to different periods in history and will study some significant sovereigns.