

P.E.	We have our PE lesson on Thursdays. This term's games activities will be handball, football gymnastics and fitness.
Music	This term we will be developing our musical skills by learning how to play the violin with a specialist music teacher coming in from Dorset Music. This will take place on Wednesdays, starting 24 th September. Our learning will be focused around exploring and developing playing skills and the children will be introduced to the language of music and stave notation.
Computing	We start our term ensuring that we can log in to the laptops, save our work and access different programs online. We will also be starting our touch-typing course, which we will follow at our own pace. We learn how to use the internet safely and deepen our understanding of the world wide web.
Art and Design Technology	Our art this term will be linked to our Stone Age topic and celebrations throughout the term, such as Harvest and Christmas. Our Design Technology will explore our sewing and stitching skills.
P.S.H.C.E	We will be working with the S.C.A.R.F (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) programme. The first theme for this term will be 'Me and My Relationships'. Later in the term we will be working on 'Valuing Differences'.
R.E.	Our term looks at Christianity with two main themes. Firstly, we explore Christians as the 'People of God' and explore what it is like to follow God. Secondly, we explore the Holy Trinity.

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Autumn Term 2025



Oak Class Year 3 and Year 4

Ready, Respectful, Safe

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



Dear Parents/Carers, Welcome back!

I hope you have had a fabulous summer. We are so excited to have the children back for an exciting year ahead! We are looking forward to getting to know your children even better and celebrating our strengths and differences together.

Homework will consist of Maths and English on DoodleLearn, TT Rockstars and learning our times tables. DoodleLearn will reflect what we have been exploring in class that week, and this will help the children embed their new learning and become more confident with it. We would like the children to read daily both at home and at school. Reading to an adult develops higher language and vocabulary skills, so do please find time to read with your child and share the joy of a good book. Ask questions to enrich their understanding and to ensure they have a good comprehension of the text. A quick signature in their reading record to let us know they have read at home is super helpful too.

Our timetabled **PE** day will be on **Thursday**. Please can children wear their kits to school on these days. We will also do Forest School this year, where the children will need warm clothing, waterproof outer wear and wellies or boots. More information on when this will take place will be sent out on Class Dojo. Please could everyone have a named **water bottle** for during the school day and a sun hat for when it is hot. I also recommend that they bring a coat to school with a hood every day, as we do go outside in all weathers. A pair of named wellies often come in handy too!

First thing in the morning is always very busy in our class, so if you would like to discuss something at any length please could you let me know on Class Dojo so that we can organise a time to meet. I will endeavour to check Class Dojo daily, but our school days can get quite busy, so if there is anything important or an emergency that you need me to know about, please contact the school office. I am also available after school, once I have made sure the children are safely on their way home.

We start our learning at **8.40am** in the morning. This is when the children read to an adult and have individualised learning support. Our morning sessions help the children settle into their school day and prepare them for the learning ahead. We would greatly appreciate the children being at school for this time where possible.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Melanie Lambert, Mrs Kirsty Park and Mrs Chelsea Tun Pe

The Curriculum

English	This term we begin by developing our handwriting, ensuring we have the correct letter formation and a fluent cursive style. We will then explore narrative styles, information texts and poetry. Our main texts are The First Painting, Stone Age Boy, Skara Brae and Stig of the Dump.
Maths	The children will be following the primary curriculum for Maths. The topics covered this term are Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. We will have a large focus on learning our times table facts up to 12 x 12. The children will have a multiplication test each Friday based on our weekly focus.
Science	We begin the year by studying 'Rocks and Soils' in Geology and then we follow this with our topic, 'Animals including Humans' where we will explore the human digestive system.
History	In History we are looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, how settlements changed the face of Britain. This will be linked to our class school visit this term.
Geography	In Geography we will be identifying how the structure of Britain has changed during these eras and how the physical and human features have changed. Exploring the layers of the Earth, plate tectonics, rocks and volcanoes.
MFL	We start with key conversational phrases, colours, numbers and animals in French. We will read and share stories and songs in French too.