

Welcome to Year 2

Teachers



Miss Gatton 2G



Mrs Titchener 2T

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Hill



Mrs Thorpe



Mrs Clarke

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Welcome

We are very excited to welcome back Year 2. They have impressed us with how well they have adapted to returning to school. Things may look and feel a little different but they have taken everything in their stride and set a brilliant example for the rest of Key Stage 1. It has been a pleasure getting to know them so far.

Meet the team

Class 2G is taught by Miss Gatton

Class 2T is taught by Mrs Titchener - Mrs Titchener remains absent from school and Mrs Cavill will teach the class until 21st September.

Our teaching assistants in Year 2 are Mrs Clark, Mrs Thorpe and Miss Hill.

Learning

In Term 1, our enquiry is 'Who am I and who do I want to be?' This means we will have the opportunity to learn about each child as an individual and research a variety of different careers. You may like to have a discussion with your child about what they would like to be when they grow up.

Our enquiries for the year include...

Term 2 - How do we put on a show?

Term 3 - What makes something special?

Term 4 - How could we survive in this place?

Term 5 - Where does my food come from?

Term 6 - What makes Bath beautiful?

Planning, Preparation and Assessment

All teachers are entitled to 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA).

PPA time for Year 2 teachers is on a Tuesday afternoon. During these sessions your children will be taught by Ms Card (R.E) and Sarah Webb (Forest School).

Overview of a typical day in Year 2

In the mornings we focus on teaching maths, English and phonics. We have snack time before break at 10.45am. In the afternoons we start by teaching Guided Reading then move on to other subjects such as art, P.E., R.E., Science and P.S.H.E.(Personal, Social & Health Education). We have a break towards the end of the afternoon, and then either a class assembly or story.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Children should come to school in P.E. kit on these days.

Children can currently wear trainers for P.E. and can wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms on cold days.

Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered with tape provided from home.

Behaviour and Rewards

In line with our behaviour policy, the traffic lights will continue to be used. This is a whole school system which encourages positive behaviour. If you would like any more information on this, please see the Behaviour Policy document on the school website or ask any member of our team. We will use house points across the school (Windsor **Green**, Clevedon **Blue**, Pulteney **Yellow** and Churchill **Red**) & Star of the Week certificates will be given out on Fridays. If we need to contact you about a behaviour issue we will phone you as it is not possible to speak in person at this time.

Toilets

The children can use the toilets in the classroom at any time during the school day. We encourage the children to use We encourage the children to use the toilet at playtimes. Please let us know if there are any specific needs that we do not already know about.

Supporting your child

Reading: As a school we place a high emphasis on reading. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home. Our aim is that every child reads at least 3 times a week at home, although daily is even better. The key thing to remember is little and often is best. It is also essential that you ask your child to retell what they have read and for you to ask them some questions about it. Comprehension skills are equally as important as decoding skills, to be a good reader your child must have both.

Due to the current situation and government safety guidelines we have reviewed our book change system in school. We remain committed to maintaining the high profile of reading and want to ensure that every child always has a book to read or share at home on every day of the week.

From Monday 14th September we will introduce the following system for changing books in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Please ensure that the Reading Record and reading books are kept in book bags and brought to school every day. If you have any questions about your child's reading, or their progress, please email the class teacher rather than writing comments in the book. Please see over the page for Newbridge 'Must Reads'.

Monday – Your child will be allocated a phonics based reading book. This must be returned on the Thursday of the same week.

Thursday – your child will choose a levelled reading book from the class and a library book to share at home. These must be returned on the following Monday.

This system ensures that we can quarantine books between uses and enable us to have sufficient books for your children to choose from.

We still ask that you continue to write a short, positive comment in the reading record book so that we know that books have been read and are ready to be changed.

Home learning: Future home learning activities will be shared with you shortly along with weekly spellings lists. The school will continue to subscribe to Doodle English for each pupil and is very soon going to purchase Doodle Maths for each pupil.

Forest School

2G and 2T will do Forest School on alternate **Tuesday** afternoons. 2T will start on the Tuesday 8th September and 2G will start on Tuesday 15th September. On this day, the children will need to wear a long sleeved top, long trousers and bring waterproofs (trousers and jacket) and wellies.

Inhalers

If your child needs an inhaler please check they have an in date one in school and that you have filled out an indemnity form. This can be found on the school website via the following link

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/useful-forms>

Equipment

Please ensure that water bottles, book bags, waterproof coats and Reading Records/reading books are brought to school every day. Please make sure that water bottles come to school full and have a sports cap, as this helps prevent spillages. Please ensure all items of clothing and other items eg. water bottles are named. The children should wear shoes to school, not boots or trainers, unless it is a PE or Forest School day.

Website

Please write to the school office if you do not want your child's photograph to be used on the website.

Contacting us

If you wish to speak to us about any worries or concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on

newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

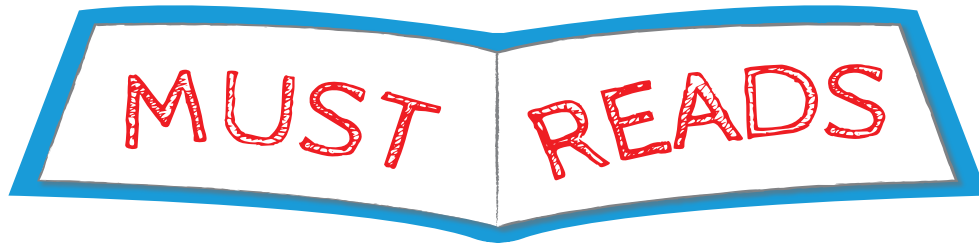


'Must Reads'

Again this year, we are working on fostering a love of reading throughout the school. To this end we have chosen six books that we would like every child to read or have read to them over the year. These books have been carefully chosen by their class teachers and it is hoped that every child will, by July, have read every one.

Thank you very much for your anticipated support!
The English team

The list of the books chosen for Year 2 is as follows:



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All Kinds of People by Emma Damon

The Great Fire of London: 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1666
by Emma Adams & James Weston Lewis

How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers

The Polar Bear by Jenni Desmond

It Starts With a Seed by Laura Knowles & Jennie Webber

A First Poetry Book
by Pie Corbett and Gabi Morgan

Suggestions for Must Read books to share at home are:

Beegu – Alexis Deacon

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson

The Troll – Julia Donaldson and David Roberts

Big Book of the Blue – Yuval Zommer

The Hodgeheg – Dick King Smith

George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl