

# Welcome to Year 3

## Teachers



Mrs O' Gara 3OG



Mrs Keynes & Mrs Ross 3KR



## Teaching Assistant



Mrs Seek

## Back to School Information about Year 3 September 2020

### Welcome

Welcome back to what has been a most unusual start of term. We are so proud of all of your children who have transitioned so well into Year 3 and adjusted to new routines seamlessly – they have all been amazing. As we can't meet you face to face this term, we hope that this information will give you an idea of what school life will be like for your child.

### Meet the team

Class 3KR is taught by Mrs Keynes and Mrs Ross. Mrs Keynes teaches the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Ross teaches the class on a Thursday. Class 3OG is taught by Mrs O'Gara. Our teaching assistant is Mrs Seek.

Miss Loughran, a part time trainee teacher, will be working with 3KR under the guidance of Mrs Keynes until Christmas on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming her to the Year 3 team.

### Planning, Preparation and Assessment

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

PPA time for Year 3 teachers is on a Wednesday morning (this changes to afternoon from term 4). During these sessions your children will be taught by Mr Seaborne (P.E) and Mr Baigent (Art/Drama).

### Overview of a typical day in Year 3

Each morning, the children will arrive and settle into class quickly, concentrating on learning times tables for the first 20 minutes. The children will have an hour daily Maths and English lesson. There will also be a whole class reading session at least 3 times a week. In the afternoon, the children will engage in our enquiry which this term is called 'What Makes Our World Wonderful?' This will link to the geography National Curriculum and the children will learn about different natural phenomena such as earthquakes and volcanoes.

The children this term will be having an afternoon playtime at 2.30pm but over the year this will be phased out as the children mature.

### Drinks and Snacks

Please send the children with water and either fruit or vegetable as a snack for morning playtimes. **Please name any snack pots or bags.**

### 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

We encourage the children to use the toilet at playtimes although at the start of Year 3 we are more flexible with this. The children wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. Please let us know if there are any specific needs, if you haven't done so already.

### Supporting your child

For your child to make good progress this year, we will need your support. We think that spellings, reading and times tables practice are vital tools to help your child succeed. Please continue to hear your child read even if they become a free reader in the next couple of terms. We generally find that children's comprehension does not keep pace with their ability to decode text. They tend not to understand and answer questions on the texts despite being able to read aloud fluently. We will continue to assess your child's reading through whole class reading sessions as well as standardised reading tests. If your child does not move up a level, it is likely to be because they need to do more work on their comprehension of texts before moving on.

**Reading:** Whole class reading will be 3 times a week. We are now reading as a whole class as well as groups and individual readers where necessary. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and ensure that you record in the reading log. We would like the children to aim read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week. Please fill in the reading log to show when your child has read.

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'.

If your child is reading levelled books the system for changing them is as follows:

Monday – Your child will choose a levelled reading book. This must be returned on the Thursday of the same week.

Thursday – your child will choose a library book. This must be returned on the following Monday.

### Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will be sent out termly and will be tested on a Friday each week. Please support your child in learning their words and understanding their meaning of the words.

There is an expectation that the children will know all their times tables facts of 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x and 8x by the end of Year 3.

We highly recommend apps such as Squeebles or [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) if you have access to the internet to support with learning times tables in a fun and interactive way. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for your child to gain a secure grasp of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and times tables if they are to become confident and number fluent mathematicians. Any help you can give your child in this area is invaluable to accelerating their progress.

**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.

### P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Tuesday** 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.

### What to bring

Water bottles, waterproof coats, reading books and reading record books should be brought to school every day. Please ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named.

### 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>

### 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 have any concerns please email the office to book an appointment. Even though we can't meet face to face, we are more than happy to call you to discuss any concerns. The only day after school we are unavailable this term Tuesday, due to Staff Meetings.

[newbridge\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto: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 3 is as follows



## YEAR THREE

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

On Sudden Hill by Linda Sarah

Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Knights and Bikes by Gabrielle Kent

Billie and Minipins  
by Roald Dahl