

# Welcome to Year 4

## Teachers



Mr Hempleman 4H



Mr Cumpson 4C

## Teaching Assistants



Mrs Dennis



Mrs Shaw-Butt

## Back to School Information about Year 4 September 2020

### Welcome

Welcome back! It has been fantastic to see all the children back at school breathing life into the classrooms. The children have been amazing in their attitude, positivity and adaptation to the changes to the new school routines. They have been so focused on trying their best, working hard and supporting each other. Newbridge is starting to feel like Newbridge again. In this booklet, we aim to outline all the key elements we would have covered in our 'Back to School' meetings but if it raises any questions then please contact us via the school office.

### Meet the team

Class 4C is taught by Mr Cumpson

Class 4H is taught by Mr Hempleman

Our teaching assistants in Year 4 are Mrs Dennis and Mrs Shaw-Butt.

### Learning

In Term 1, for the first two weeks, we are working from the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. This whole school enquiry focusing on Literacy and PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) to reinforce a sense of community across all year groups. Following this, our first enquiry is 'What makes a home?' This focuses on the key aspects of what makes a home and homelessness, especially the work of Julian House, a local charity that supports the homeless. Our other enquiries this year will be: How can we help our world? What can we learn from Stonehenge? How does the past affect us? What have the Romans done for us? Can I Learn everywhere?

We are following the Year 4 curriculum, a mastery curriculum, which means the children need to demonstrate that they have mastered objectives before being challenged. Challenge comes in the form of reasoning, problem solving and linking understanding.

### Planning, Preparation and Assessment

PPA time for Year 4 teachers is Thursday afternoon (Terms 1-3) and Thursday morning (Terms 4-6). 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 4

When children arrive in the morning they should come straight to the classroom between 8.40am and 9.00am. They will be practising times tables and mental arithmetic before register. This will be followed by Maths and English every morning. Morning break is at 10.15 -10.30am and lunch is 11.55 -1.00pm with lunch being served in the classroom. The school day ends at 3.05pm where children are picked up from the top gate unless they have younger siblings.

### Drinks and Snacks

Please send the children with water and either fruit or vegetable as a snack for morning playtimes.

### 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

Each year group has been allocated a toilet for their use which means that they are now unisex toilets. Children use the toilets one at a time and this is monitored by the class teachers and the adults supporting in class. Please let us know if there are any specific needs.

## Supporting your child

**Reading:** Reading is a vital skill to engage with the ever increasing demands of the curriculum. The speed of reading is also an influential factor. Whole Class Reading will continue with an emphasis on developing vocabulary as well as building inference and deduction skills. We also read a selection of classic and modern narrative stories to the class to enrich our enquiries and ensure access to quality texts for all. However please continue to read regularly with your child at home. We would like the children to aim to share a book with an adult, at home, at least 3 times a week. To encourage your child with reading you may like to look at the 'Reading and Online Book Websites' section, on the school website.

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.

Home learning activities won't be the same as last year and we are at present working out the best format to support children's learning and how to celebrate it. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Spellings will be given out next week and the children will be tested, every Friday, on 5 spellings a week.

There is a national expectation that they will know all their times tables facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. At the end of this year, the children will be tested on their times tables knowledge. Please continue to practise times tables every week. The school will continue to subscribe to Doodle English for each pupil and is very soon going to purchase Doodle Maths for each pupil.

## 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.

In Year 4, children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases as equipment is provided.

## P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. 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.

## Forest School

4H and 4C will do Forest School on alternate **Wednesday** afternoons. Forest School will take place in classes and starts Wednesday 9th September with 4H. 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>

## 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](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 4 is as follows:



## YEAR FOUR

The Great Elephant Chase by Gillian Chace

How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear  
by the National Trust

The Twits by Roald Dahl

Please Mrs Butler by Alan Ahlberg

Flotsam by David Weisner

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief  
by Rick Riordan