

# Welcome to Year 5

## Teachers



Mrs Bartlett 5B



Mr Handson 5H

## Teaching Assistants



Mrs Shaw-Butt



Mrs Watts



Ms Milne

## Back to School Information about Year 5 September 2020

### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 5. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know your children, while learning together. We have great activities planned and while we are currently in unusual times, we will continue to maintain our high standards, love for learning and care for your children.

We have had a really good start to the term. The children have amazed us with their energy and ability to adapt to new routines and systems.

In this booklet, we will inform you of some of the important aspects you will need to know in order to support your child throughout Year 5.

### Meet the team

Class 5B taught by Mrs Bartlett

Class 5H is taught by Mr Handson.

Our Teaching Assistants are:

Mrs Shaw-Butt, Mrs Watts and Ms Milne. The TAs will work across both Year 5 classes, supporting children where appropriate.

### Learning

In Term 1, our enquiry is based around the Ted Hughes book 'The Iron Man'. The focus is around technology and how it has developed over time. The children enjoy the book and we have had some wonderful English work using the book as a stimulus.

In Term 2, we will move onto Space and our enquiry title is 'Do you have what it take to be an astronaut?'. It is a great enquiry and one where we look closely at the Solar System.

### Planning, Preparation and Assessment

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

PPA time for Year 5 teachers is on Thursday mornings. During these sessions your children will be taught by Mr Seaborne (P.E) and Mr Baigent (Art/Drama) and will need to come to school in their PE kits.

As Mrs Bartlett is a member of the Senior Leadership Team and is involved in SLT planning, 5B will be taught by Mrs Card every Monday afternoon.

### Overview of a typical day in Year 5

We start the day in Year 5 by doing mental arithmetic following the 'I Can Do' scheme. This works well and the children visit objectives that we may not have practised for a while.

Then we move into our maths lesson before break, which starts at 10:35am .

After break we have our English session, covering aspects such as spelling, punctuation and grammar before embarking on our writing focus.

Lunch is between 12pm and 1pm followed by whole class Guided Reading and each afternoon will deliver the rest of the National Curriculum.

### Drinks and Snacks

Please send your child 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

Due to the current restrictions, we have organised the toilets around the school into year groups. Unlike previous terms, the toilets are now unisex. Year 5 will use the toilets on the landing outside the Year 5 classes.

If your child has an issue with anything regarding this, please let us know.

## Reading at home

As we all know, reading is a vital skill and we strongly encourage children to read on a daily basis. While we set time aside to read at school, we feel reading at home is essential. Therefore, we would like your child to read at least four times a week and record it in their Reading Record.

Some children like to read independently, which is fine. However, we do ask that adults take time to ask their children about the book they are reading and encourage them to discuss the characters and plot. We are happy too, if children read aloud or to another sibling, every little helps.

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

The list of this term's spellings will be given out on Friday 18th September. Please look closely at these and support your child in learning the spelling patterns and words from the Year 5/6 spelling list. The children will be tested each Friday.

Please continue to practise times tables every week. Times tables are the foundation to all maths and will support your child with the maths curriculum. We cannot stress enough how valuable knowing tables to 12 x 12 is, so please help your child in learning these.

**Home learning:** Future home learning activities such as weekly spellings will be introduced throughout the year so that the children are not overloaded. 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 **Thursday** and **Friday**. 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.

## To Be Decided

Due to the current situation we are unable to organise swimming lessons or plan our annual residential visit to Kilve Court. We will update you with any information as soon as we know more.

## 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 5 is as follows



## YEAR FIVE

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie

The Astounding Broccoli Boy  
by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

What a Waste by Jess French

Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Edwards

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  
J.K. Rowling