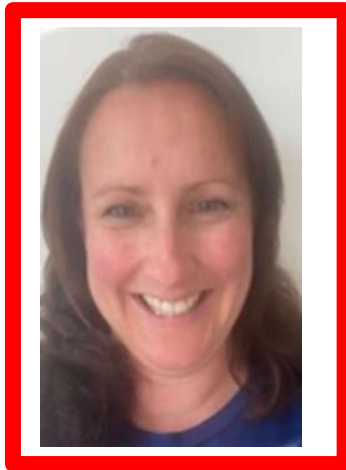


Welcome to Year 2!

Meet the Teachers:



Mrs O'Gara
2OG



Mrs Keep
2KO



Mrs O'Byrne
2KO

Meet the Teaching Assistants:



Mrs Clark



Mrs Bishop



Mrs Shaw-Butt

Welcome

Welcome to Newbridge Primary School's Year 2! We are excited to get to know your child. Please contact the school via telephone or email if you have something you wish to discuss with your class teacher.

Meet the Team

Class 2OG is taught by **Mrs O'Gara**.

Class 2KO is taught by **Mrs Keep** on Monday and **Mrs O'Byrne** on Tuesday-Friday.

Our teaching assistants in Year 2 are **Mrs Clark, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Shaw-Butt**

Learning in Year 2

In Term 1, our enquiry is 'What makes me special?' This means we will have the opportunity to learn about each child as an individual, where they come from and who they want to be. You may even 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 - What makes a great team?

Term 3 - What is survival?

Term 4 - Where does my food come from?

Term 5 - Why do we have money?

Term 6 - What makes Bath beautiful?

Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA)

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

For Terms 1-3 PPA will be on Thursday mornings. Year 2 will be taught by **Mrs Hansard** and **Ms Auld** (alternating weeks) during this time.

Overview of a Regular Day in Year 2

In the mornings, we start with Quick Maths, followed by Maths, English and Guided Reading. We have break time at 10.20am followed by snack time at 10.35am. In the afternoons, we start by teaching handwriting and phonics 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.

Drinks and Snacks

Please send your child in with a bottle filled with water every day.

Snacks are provided every morning by the school.

P.E.

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

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

Toilets

The children can use the toilets in the classroom at any time during the school day.

Behaviour and Rewards

At Newbridge Primary School, we use the *Behaviour Buddies* to model positive behaviour and share social stories with the children. Their names are Safe Sam, Responsible Ravi, and Respectful Robin.

The star is used daily to reward children for modelling our school values and following behaviour expectations. At the end of the day, children will receive a sticker if they are on the star.

Each week, two *Star of the Week* certificates are awarded in assembly to children who have consistently demonstrated our school values and tried hard in their learning.



Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home

Reading at home – 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.

Reading Record Logs - The purpose of this book is to record a short, positive comment after reading with your child. Books will be changed every Friday, after a comment has been recorded. 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.

Phonics and Spellings - An overview of the weekly phonics and spelling pattern we are focusing on is available on the class pages section of the school website. Additional materials to support your child's phonics will be uploaded to Google Classroom every Friday. Please support your child to practice the spelling patterns and weekly phonics, as well as reviewing all phonics sounds they have previously learnt - several short sessions are more effective than one long one.

Maths – We encourage children to practice their recall of number bonds to 10 and 20 (e.g. $7+3 = 10$ and $17+3 = 20$), along with reading and writing numbers to 100 and spelling numbers as words to 20. There is no requirement to record any of this home learning, simply discussing numbers and identifying them in the real world will help support their learning. Please also try to practise times tables regularly. The times tables the children need to learn this year are the 2s, 5s and 10s.

What to Bring to School

Water bottles with a spill-proof lid, waterproof coats, and book bags should be brought to school every day. Please ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named. We kindly ask that children do not bring toys or personal items from home. All stationery equipment is provided by the school.

Forest School - Our Forest School sessions will begin in Term 1. 2KO and 2OG will do Forest School on alternate Thursday afternoons. More information about this is to follow shortly. Please ensure that your child arrives to school in their Forest School kit and they bring waterproof items in a named bag.

Inhalers


If your child requires an inhaler, please ensure there is an in-date one in school and that you have completed an indemnity form. This can be found on the school website by [\[clicking here\]](#).

Volunteers

We are really pleased to be able to welcome volunteers into school. If you would like to support with reading, maths, or have other skills you feel could benefit the children's learning, please let us know. We would greatly appreciate the extra help and know from experience that the children benefit enormously from additional adult support.

Contacting Us

If you wish to contact us about any concerns, however small, please get in touch via the school office using the email address: enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk



Recommended Reads

As a school we are always working on fostering a love of reading in our children. We have carefully chosen six books that we would like every Year 2 child to read or have read to them over the year. Copies of all texts are available in both Year 2 classes for children to read. Please let us know if you would like to borrow a copy to read at home.

