

**Welcome to Year 3!**

**Meet the Teachers:**





**Mr Mullee**

Class 3M

**Mrs Edmunds**

Class 3DE

**Mrs Dinsdale**

Class 3DE

**Meet the Teaching Assistants:**



**Mrs Milne**

Year 3

**Welcome**

Welcome to Newbridge Primary School’s Year 3! We are excited to get to know your child/children. Please contact the school via telephone or email if you have something you wish to discuss with your class teacher.

**Meet the Team**  
Class 3M is taught by Mr Mullee.  
Class 3DE is taught by Mrs Dinsdale (Monday to Wednesday mornings) and Mrs Edmunds (Wednesday afternoons to Friday afternoons).  
Our teaching assistant in Year 3 is Mrs Milne.

**Learning in Year 3**  
Our first enquiry is ‘What makes a Good Book?’. We will be learning about the magic of high-quality texts. Our other enquiries this year will be: ‘What makes our world amazing?’, ‘What makes a scientist?’, ‘What makes India incredible?’, ‘What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?’ and ‘When does trash become treasure?’ These are interesting and exciting enquiries and we are looking forward to learning with the children, and allowing them to research.

We are following the Year 3 national 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)**  
All teachers are entitled to 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA).

PPA time for Year 3 teachers is a Thursday morning (Terms 1-3). During these sessions, your children will be taught by Mr Wallace (P.E) and Mrs Davies (Music).

**Overview of a Regular Day in Year 3**

When children arrive in the morning, they should take their belongings to the cloakroom and then walk to their classrooms. They will be completing ‘quick maths’ activities before the register. This will be followed by maths and English every morning and foundation subjects in the afternoon. Morning break is at 10.15-10.30am. Lunch is 12-1.00pm. Packed lunches then have their lunch in the Upper School Hall, while the children opting to eat school dinners, go the Lower School Hall. The school day ends at 3.15pm where children are collected from the walkway between the Upper School Foyer and the School Office.

**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.

**P.E.** Please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for all weather conditions as PE will be taking place outside i.e. black tracksuit bottoms, warm tops etc. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered with tape. Children will need wear suitable shoes or change into trainers.

**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.  
House points are given out daily to reward children for modelling our school values and following behaviour expectations.   
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**

For your child to make good progress this year, we will need your support. We know 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 later in the year. 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. We aim to check your children’s reading levels every other term, 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. Please click here to find our Homework Policy.

**Reading at home** – Whole Class Reading will be every day. We are now reading as a whole class as well as groups and individual readers where necessary. Children will be encouraged to change their own reading books on Fridays. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and ensure that you record in the reading log. We will collect these in every Monday to ensure that all children are making use of their logs. We would like the children to aim to read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week. If there is a record of your child reading at least 3 times a week, your child will be rewarded with a house point.

**Spellings and Times Tables -** Spellings will be sent out termly for you to practice spelling patterns with your child. Please support your child in learning these and understanding the meaning of the words.There is an expectation that the children will know all their times tables facts of 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, 8x by the end of Year 3. We highly recommend apps such as Times Tables Rockstars, Hit the Button, Numbots and [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 their 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. Please [click here](https://newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/key-information/policies) find our Homework policy and our [class page](https://newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/classes) on the website.

Please also try to practise times tables every week. The times tables the children need to learn this year are the 2s, 5s and 10s. Please find the [class pages](https://newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/classes) where the spellings are uploaded every term and our [Homework Policy.](https://newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/key-information/policies)

**What to Bring to School**  
Water bottles, waterproof coats, reading books and reading logs should be brought to school every day. The children will still be going into the playground if it is light rain. Please ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named. In Year 3, children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases as equipment is provided.

**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 that we will be able to have volunteers in school. If you would like to support with reading, maths (including times tables) or have any other skills that you feel would support the children’s learning, then please let us know. We would really appreciate the extra help and know from first-hand experience, that children benefit greatly from extra input from an adult. If you do have time to volunteer, please could you get in touch with Mrs Phillips in the office as we need to ensure that all DBS checks are up to date.

**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**](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)

**Recommended 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*

