

Welcome to Year 4!

Meet the Teachers:



Mr Newman
4N



Mrs Amor
4AB
Monday-Wednesday



Mr Bacon
4AB
Thursday-Friday

Meet the Teaching Assistants:



Mrs Shaw-Butt
(Monday and Friday)



Mrs Watts
(Tuesday,
Wednesday and
Thursday)

Welcome

Welcome to Newbridge Primary School's Year 4! 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

4N is taught by Mr Newman

4AB is taught by Mrs Amor (Monday-Wednesday) and Mr Bacon (Thursday-Friday)

Our teaching assistants in Year 4 are Mrs Shaw-Butt (Monday and Friday) and Mrs Watts (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Learning in Year 4

Our first enquiry is 'How can we help our World'. We will be learning about the rainforests and deforestation. Our other enquiries this year will be: Does charity begin at home? How did the Romans change Bath? How does the past affect us? Why are European countries unique? and Why are landmarks important? These are interesting and exciting enquiries and we are looking forward to learning with the children, and allowing them to use their research skills.

We are following the Year 4 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 4 teachers is Wednesday 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 4

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 lower part of field, next to the tree.

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. and Forest School - Please ensure children are dressed for all weather conditions, as PE will be outside (e.g. black tracksuit bottoms, warm tops). Long hair must be tied back, and earrings removed or taped over. PE and Forest School will fall on the same day every other week (Tuesday), so children should wear Forest School kit to allow easy movement. This helps us have more time at Forest School without needing to change or bring extra clothes. Children should wear suitable shoes or bring trainers or wellies to change into.

Toilets

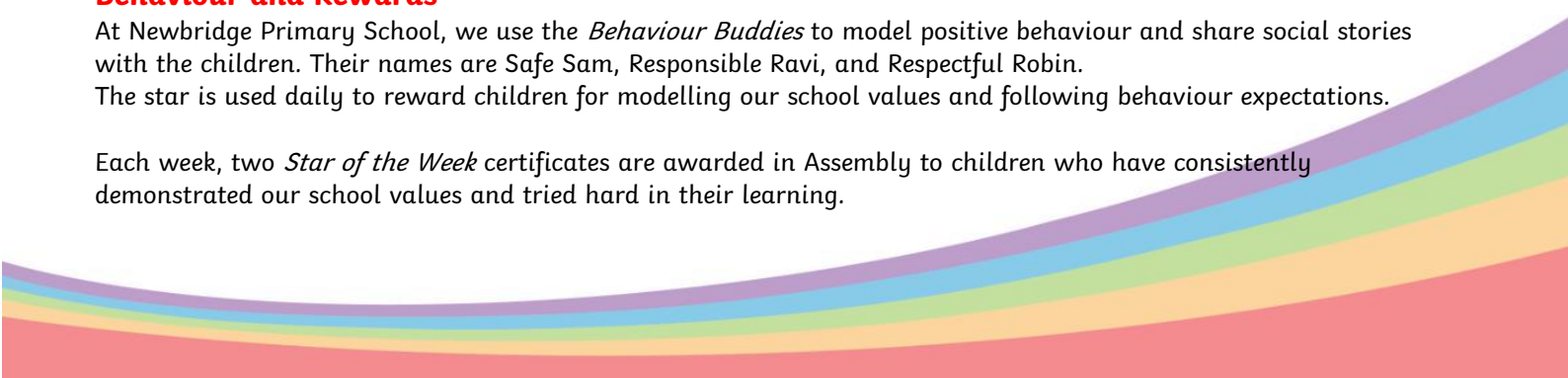
We encourage the children to use the toilet at playtimes although at the start of Year 4 we are more flexible with this. The children wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Please let us know if there are any specific needs if you haven't done so already.

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.

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

Times tables: There is a national expectation that the children 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. Tables are the foundation to all Maths and it will most certainly support their understanding when we introduce new concepts. We cannot stress enough how important it is that children focus on learning their times tables, so they can recall them with accuracy speed. Think about creative ways to learn them with your child for example:

- Use Times Tables Rockstars regularly – even 5 minutes a day will ensure good progress
- Practise regularly using this very useful website <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
- You could learn a song- there lots on Youtube
- Practise in the car, particularly on long car journeys
- Place a poster or sticky notes around the kitchen or where your child would look at them regularly.

Reading: Reading is essential for engaging with the curriculum, and reading speed also plays a key role. Whole Class Reading will focus on expanding vocabulary and developing inference skills, alongside reading a mix of classic and modern stories to enrich our enquiries. Please continue to read with your child at home, aiming for at least four times a week. For extra support, check out the 'Reading and Online Book Websites' section on the school website. We also have a list of 'Recommended Reads' Year 4 books, including *The Twits* by Roald Dahl, *Please Mrs Butler* by Alan Ahlberg, *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, *How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear* by the National Trust, *Flotsam* by David Wiesner, and *The Great Elephant Chase* by Gillian Cross. To encourage the children to read and become more independent, we have informed them that we will be looking at their Reading Records every Monday and awarding them with a house point if they have read 4 times or more at home within the week and recorded it.

Spellings: The spellings the children will be learning each week will be published on the website. Again, we would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practise these weekly, not only the spelling pattern but the meaning of the word too. In their reading records, there are examples of how to learn them in a variety of ways. There are also lots of interactive spelling games online, if that is how your child prefers to learn. There is a list of the 3 and 4 spellings in your child's reading record too, they are everywhere! Please [click here](#) find our Homework policy and our [class page](#) on the website.

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

Forest School – 4N and 4AB will do Forest School on alternate Tuesday afternoons. Forest School will take place in classes and commences on Tuesday 9th September with 4AB followed by 6N on Tuesday 16th September. Please ensure your children have the appropriate clothing suited to the weather conditions i.e. hats, gloves, waterproof coats and trousers.

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 here: <https://newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/useful-forms>

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 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

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

