

Welcome to Year 1

Teachers



Mrs Gamon
1G



Mrs Edmunds
1EO



Mrs O'Byrne
1EO

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Holmes



Mrs Kamal

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Welcome

Welcome to Year 1. We have been so impressed with the way the children have returned to school. They are full of enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to get to know them.

Meet the team

Class 1EO is taught by Mrs Edmunds and Mrs O'Byrne.

Class 1G is taught by Mrs Gamon.

Our Teaching Assistants in Year 1 are Mrs Holmes and Mrs Kamal.

Throughout the year there may also be students and/or Norland Nannies working with your children. All students work under the direction and support of class teachers.

Learning

In Term 1, our enquiry is 'What makes a hero?'

This means we will be learning about ourselves and our heroes. You may like to ask your child about what they think makes a hero.

Our enquiries for the year include:

- How can we keep safe?
- Whatever next?
- Can you see it?
- How can we look after our planet?
- Why is this place special?

Planning, Preparation and Assessment

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

PPA time for Year 1 teachers is on Wednesday mornings for the first half of the school year and Wednesday afternoons for the second half. Currently, during these sessions the children will be taught by Mrs S Davies (1EO) and Mrs H Davies (1G).

Overview of a day in Year 1

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

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Tuesday** 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.

Drinks and snacks

Please send the children into school with a named water bottle every day.

A daily healthy snack is provided for your child.

Behaviour and Rewards

In line with our behaviour policy, the traffic lights will continue to be used. If a child behaves particularly well, or makes good progress or effort in their learning, their name will be put on the star. We will continue to use stickers, house points and Star of the Week certificates to reward children. If we need to contact you about a behaviour issue, we will phone parents if it is not possible to speak in person.

Toilets

We encourage the children to use the toilet whenever they need to. Please let us know if there are any specific needs.

Supporting your child

Reading: 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 and Phonics Log: The purpose of this book is to record a short, positive comment after reading with your child. Books will be changed every Monday, 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.

Home learning: DoodleMaths is available for you to use to support your child and we would like the children to be in the 'green zone' every week during term time. One other way to support your child in Maths at home is to practise counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 to at least 100. Future home learning activities such as weekly spellings will be introduced at a later stage in the year so that the children are not overloaded.

Children's belongings: Please ensure that water bottles, book bags and waterproof coats are brought to school daily. Water bottles should have a sports cap to help prevent spillages. All items of clothing and other items such as water bottles should be named. The children should be wearing shoes to school, except on P.E. days when they should come to school in their kit and trainers. Trainers should have a Velcro fastening. If your child wears shoes or trainers with laces, then we ask that you teach them how to tie their own shoelaces.

Phonics

Children will continue to have daily phonics sessions. All children will take part in the Phonics Screening Assessment at the end of Year 1. More information on this will follow later in the year.

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>

Equipment

In Year 1, children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases as equipment is provided. We also provide boxes of tissues so there is no need to send your child with packets of tissues.


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 the following email address: enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

With best wishes,
The Year 1 Team



'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

In school, we share a Newbridge Must Read Book every term.
The list of the books chosen for Year 1 is as follows:



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The Big Book of Bugs by Yuval Zommer

Man on the moon (A Day in the life of Bob)
by Simon Bartram

Funny Bones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton

Atlas of Aventures - Wonders of the World
by Ben Handicott

The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog &
Other How To Poems by Paul B. Janeczko

Suggestions for Must Read books to share at home are:

Toys in Space – Mini Grey

Not Now, Bernard – David McKee

Grandad's Secret Giant – David Latchfield

Gorilla – Anthony Browne

How to be Extraordinary – Rashmi Sirdeshpande

Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl