

# Welcome to Year 2

## Teachers



**Ms Rhodes 2R**



**Mr Mullee 2M**

## Teaching Assistants



**Mrs Hill**



**Mrs Clark**

## Back to School Information about Year 2 September 2023

### Welcome

We are very excited to welcome our new Year 2 children. They have impressed us all with how well they have settled into being the oldest children in the lower school. What a pleasure it has been to see the children returning to a normal school experience, where they are sharing their playtime with younger children and enjoying their dinner in the dining hall. They have taken all these changes in their stride, and we are really looking forward to planning lots of exciting experiences over the year ahead.

### Meet the team

Class 2R is taught by Ms Rhodes  
Class 2M is taught by Mr Mullee

Our teaching assistants in Year 2 are Mrs Clark and Mrs Hill.

### Learning

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 time for Year 2 teachers is on a Thursday morning. During these sessions your children will be taught by Mrs H Davies and Mrs S Davies. Mrs H Davies will also cover 2R on a Tuesday afternoon. Miss Auld will cover 2M every Monday afternoon in Term 1 and every other Monday afternoon for Terms 2-6.

### Overview of a day in Year 2

In the mornings we focus on teaching Guided Reading, Maths, English and Phonics. We also have a mid-morning snack. In the afternoons we teach foundation subjects such as Art, PE, RE, PSHE and also Science. We have a break towards the end of the afternoon, and then either a class assembly or story.

### P.E.

Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered with tape provided from home.  
PE will be taught every **Monday** and **Thursday**.

### Behaviour and Rewards

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

### Toilets

We encourage the children to use the toilet at playtimes, although they can use the class toilets at other times. Please let us know if there are any specific needs that we do not already know about.

## Supporting your child

**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. We also encourage a love of reading so please do not restrict your child to only reading levelled books from school. As well as this, we recommend that you share stories regularly with your child to model fluency when reading a text.

Books will be changed weekly, every Friday. Please remember to sign and write in the Reading Record Book so we know your child is ready to change their books.

### Spellings:

An overview of the weekly spellings with the spelling rule they are learning is available on the school website. Please support your child to learn the spellings - several short sessions are more effective than one long one.

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.

## Forest School

2R and 2M will do Forest School on alternate Tuesday afternoons. 2M will start on Tuesday 19th September and 2R will start on the Tuesday 26th September. 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 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>

## Volunteers

We are really pleased that we will be able to have volunteers in school. If you would like to support with reading, maths 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 Ainger-Martin in the office as we need to ensure that all DBS checks are up to date.

## Equipment

Please ensure that water bottles, book bags, waterproof coats and Reading Records/reading books are brought to school every day. Please make sure that water bottles come to school full and have a sports cap, as this helps prevent spillages. Please ensure all items of clothing and other items e.g. water bottles are named. The children should be wearing shoes to school (not boots or trainers unless it is a PE or Forest School day).

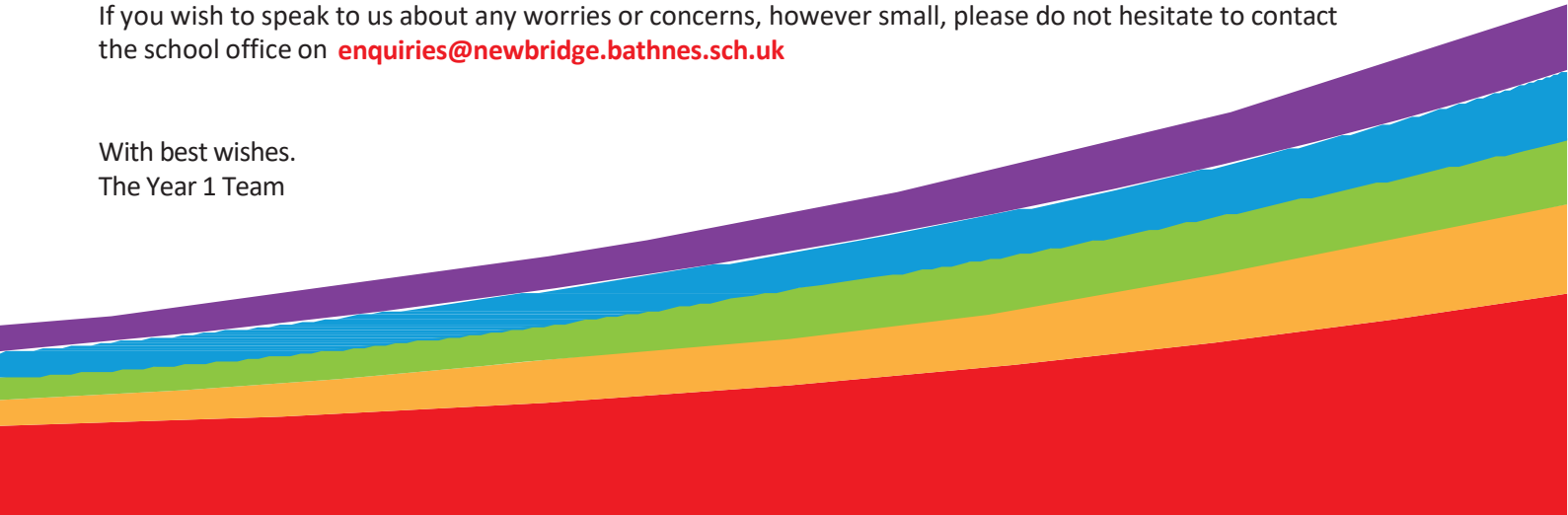
## Website

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 [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto: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 2 is as follows:



## YEAR TWO

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismody

The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis

The Polar Bear by Jenni Desmond

The A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Jack and the Baked Beanstalk by Colin Simpson

A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan

### Suggestions for Must Read books to share at home are:

Beegu – Alexis Deacon

The Flower – John Light

How to Catch a Star – Oliver Jeffers

The Proudest Blue – Ibtihaj

Muhammad

George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl

The Wolf's Story: What Really Happened to Little Red Riding Hood – Toby Forward