

Welcome to Year 3

Teachers



Mrs O' Gara 3OG



Mr Cumpson 3C

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Seek



Mrs Macey-Cross

Back to School Information about Year 3 September 2021

Welcome

Welcome back to school. We are so excited to start a new academic year and we are so proud with how the classes have settled already.

Meet the team

Class 3C is taught by Mr Cumpson and Class 3OG is taught by Mrs O’Gara. Our teaching assistants Mrs Seek who works Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Macey-Cross works on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Planning, Preparation and Assessment

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

PPA time for Year 3 teachers is on a Thursday morning (this changes to afternoon from term 4). During these sessions your children will be taught by Mr Seaborne (P.E) and Mrs Best (Music).

Overview of a typical day in Year 3

Each morning, the children will arrive and settle into class quickly concentrating on learning times tables or spellings for the first 20 minutes. The children will have an hour daily Maths and English lesson. There will also be a whole class reading session at least 2 times a week. In the afternoon, the children will engage in our enquiry which this term is ‘What makes a good book?’.

The children this term will be having an afternoon playtime at 2.30pm but over the year this may be phased out as the children mature.

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.**

Behaviour and Rewards

Traffic lights will still be used throughout the school. If a child behaves particularly well, shows citizenship values or produces excellent work, their name will be put on the star and they will receive a house point. 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 parents if it is not possible to speak in person.

Toilets

We encourage the children to use the toilet at playtimes although at the start of Year 3 we are more flexible with this. The children wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. Please let us know if there are any specific needs if you haven’t done so already.

Supporting your child

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 in the next couple of terms. 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. 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.

Reading: Whole class reading will be at least twice a week. 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 daily. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and ensure that you record in the reading log. We would like the children to aim read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week. Please fill in the reading log to show when your child has read.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will be sent out termly and will be tested on a Friday each week. Please support your child in learning their words and understanding their 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 Squeebles or 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.

P.E.

P.E. will be on a **Tuesday afternoon** and **Thursday morning** so children should wear their house t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings/ trainers and school jumper on these days.

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

What to bring

Water bottles, waterproof coats, reading books and reading folders 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 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 starting in Term 2. 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 Hill in the office as we need to ensure that all DBSs are up to date.

Website

All information, including dates, homework, curriculum overviews etc., is available on the school's website: <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/> Please write to the class teacher 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.

newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

Mrs O'Gara and Mr Cumpson

'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 3 is as follows



YEAR THREE

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

On Sudden Hill by Linda Sarah

Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Knights and Bikes by Gabrielle Kent

Billie and Minipins
by Roald Dahl