

Welcome to Year 3

Teachers



Mrs O' Gara 3OG



Mrs Best & Mrs Amor 3BA

Teaching Assistants



Ms Milne



Mrs Shaw-Butt

Back to School Information about Year 3 September 2023

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 3BA is taught by Mrs Best and Mrs Amor and Class 3OG is taught by Mrs O’Gara. Our teaching assistants are Ms Milne and Mrs Shaw-Butt.

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 Wednesday afternoon (this changes to Thursday morning 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 at 8.45am and settle into class quickly, concentrating on Quick Maths. The children will have an hour daily Maths and English lesson. There will also be a Whole Class Reading session every day and spelling is also taught daily. In the afternoon, the children will engage in all foundation subjects and our Enquiry this term, which is ‘**What makes a good book?**’.

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 behavioural 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. We aim to check your children’s reading levels each 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.

Reading

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 daily. 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.

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 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 **Wednesday afternoon** 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 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 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.

Website

All information, including dates, homework, yearly plans, 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.

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