

Welcome to Year 5

Teachers



Miss Gatton 5G



Mrs Talley 5HT



Mr Handson 5HT

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Dennis



Mr Burton



Mr Ward

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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 5. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know your children while all learning together. We have a great range of activities planned and have had a really good start to the term. The children have amazed us with their energy and ability to adapt to new surroundings.

In this booklet, we will inform you of some of the important aspects you will need to know in order to support your child throughout Year 5.

Meet the team

Class 5G is taught by Miss Gatton.

Class 5HT is taught by Mr Handson and Mrs Talley.

Our Teaching Assistants are:

Mrs Dennis, Mr Burton and Mr Ward. The TAs will work across both Year 5 classes supporting children where appropriate.

Learning

In Term 1, our enquiry is based around the Ted Hughes book 'The Iron Man'. The focus is around technology and how it has developed over time. The children really enjoy the book and we have had some wonderful English work using the book as a stimulus.

In Term 2, we will move onto Space, and our enquiry title is 'Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut?'. It is an interesting enquiry and one where we look closely at our Solar System.

Planning, Preparation and Assessment

All teachers are entitled to 10% planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA).

PPA time for Year 5 teachers is on Wednesday afternoons. During these sessions your children will be taught by Mr Seaborne (P.E.) and Mrs Best (music) and will need to come to school in their P.E. kits.

Overview of a typical day in Year 5

We start the day in Year 5 by doing our mental arithmetic following the 'I Can Do' scheme. This works really well and the children visit objectives that we may not have practised for a while and are exposed to a wide range of maths vocabulary such as synonyms for the four operations.

Then we move into our maths lesson before break time (which starts at 10:35am).

After break, we have our English session, covering aspects such as spelling, punctuation and grammar before embarking on our writing focus.

Lunch is between 12 and 1pm followed by whole class guided reading and each afternoon we will deliver the rest of the curriculum subjects.

Drinks and Snacks

Please send your child with water and either fruit or vegetable as a snack for morning playtimes.

Please name any snack pots or bags.

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 with their new houses (Green, Blue, Yellow, Red) 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.

Please let us know if there are any specific needs.



Reading at home: As we all know, reading is an essential skill and we strongly encourage children to read on a daily basis. While we set time aside to read at school, we feel reading at home is essential. Therefore, we would like your child to read at least four times a week and record it in their Reading Record. Some children like to read independently, which is absolutely fine. However, we do ask that adults take time to ask their children about the book they are reading and encourage them to discuss the characters and plot. We are happy too, if children read aloud or to another sibling - every little helps.

Spellings and Times Tables

The list of this term's spellings has been sent home (and can also be viewed on our website). Please look closely at these and support your child in learning the spelling patterns and words from the Year 5/6 spelling list. The children will be tested each Friday.

Please continue to practise times tables every week. Times tables are the foundations to many areas within mathematics and will support your child as the curriculum objectives become increasingly complex. We cannot stress enough how valuable knowing your tables to 12 x 12 is - so please help your child in learning those specific tables they have trouble with.

Water bottles, waterproof coats, reading books and reading record books should be brought to school every day.

Please ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Wednesday** and the children should come to school wearing full PE kit. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered with tape provided from home.

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

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 on newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read our booklet, we hope it has been helpful and answered all your questions. If you do have any queries or need to inform us of anything regarding your child, please email using the above email address and we will reply as soon as we can.

Mr Handson, Mrs Talley and Miss Gatton



'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 5 is as follows



YEAR FIVE

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie

The Astounding Broccoli Boy
by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

What a Waste by Jess French

Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Edwards

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
J.K. Rowling