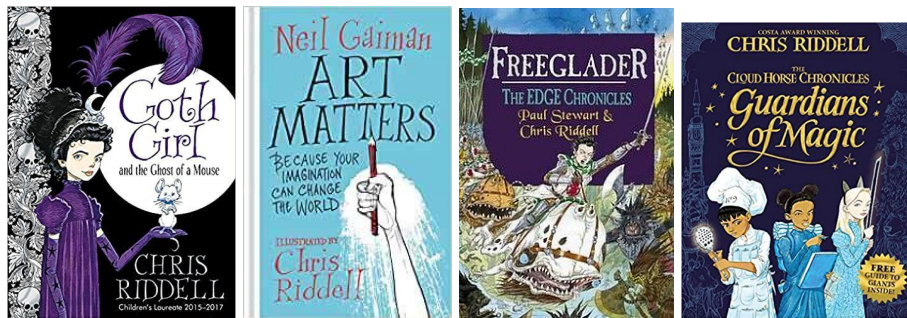


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Riddell Class! My name is Daniel Esdale-Pearson (Mr E-P is easier) and I have recently moved over to the Island. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working alongside you over the coming year. We are lucky enough to have Mrs Clare Avery working with us in Riddell Class, who is also new to the area. Mr Ben Ballard will also be working in our class, as well as teaching PE across the school.

For the first few weeks we will be basing some of our learning around the author/illustrator after whom our class is named, Chris Riddell.



We will then be studying World War 2. We will learn about local evacuees and study texts from Michael Morpurgo amongst others.

### Curriculum

The Year 5/6 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 4 or 5. The children are in KS2, therefore throughout the year there will be an expectation on them to be more independent and act as role models to the rest of the school.

In Year 6 we aim to ensure that your child's curriculum develops key skills, encourages their creativity and embeds a joy of learning. Attached to this letter is a topic web, which provides an overview for this term. Our teaching will follow the requirements of the curriculum and the agreed syllabus for Religious Education. I aim to keep it flexible, to give space to go with the interests and needs of the pupils, but I have included it as a base to work from.

### Useful information

- To support independent learning across the curriculum, the more reading practised, the better. Over the next few days we will be carrying out reading assessments and ensuring that all children have a book which suitably matches their reading needs. I will also provide a list of useful websites and our school logins within the next few days. This will include continued use of Spelling Shed.
- Please encourage your child to continue practising their times tables on TtRockstars, particularly the ones they find the trickiest.

- **Class Dojo** is a way of rewarding excellent learning behaviour. Children earn points that they can save up and spend. They also work together to earn points for their house.
- **PE** will be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please make sure the children come to school wearing their P.E kits with appropriate footwear on these days. **Mr Ballard** will be taking them for their P.E lessons.
- **Mobile phones** will need to be signed in at the start of the day and signed out at the end of the day. They will be locked safely away during the school day.
- **Walking home** - Please remember to fill in a consent form (if you have not already) if you wish for your child to walk home alone.
- **Medication** Please ensure that the office has up-to-date information regarding medication for children to be administered at school.
- **Contact Address and Telephone Numbers** If you have moved recently or changed your home or mobile telephone number, please let the office staff know. It is important that we can contact you quickly if your child is unwell.
- A timetable for homework will soon follow but homework will be used to effectively support work within school. In addition to practising reading, spelling and times tables, weekly maths and/or English tasks will also be set.

I will be available in the playground at the end of the day should you need to speak to me. Alternatively, please leave a message at the school office and I will happily speak to you on the phone or arrange a mutually convenient meeting. I'm looking forward to an exciting year in Riddell Class!

Kind regards,

Daniel Esdale-Pearson, Clare Avery and Ben Ballard