

Year 4OD Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4OD. I hope you have enjoyed the summer holiday and I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next few weeks.

My name is Miss Doherty and I am really pleased to be back at Bridgewater; some parents may already know me from when I was the Year 4 teacher here from 2010-2013! I returned to Bridgewater last year as a cover teacher and was delighted to be asked to have my own class this year. My favourite subjects to teach are Maths and Science and I am very passionate about the importance of reading and look forward to sharing exciting stories with the children.

This newsletter provides an overview of what your child will be learning about in the Autumn term. I hope to make the start back to school as easy as possible for you and your child, and I am looking forward to getting back to normal- as much as we can! I am always available on the playground at the start or end of the day should you need to speak with me.



Reading:

Reading continues to be of great importance. Reading every night to an adult can really help your child progress. Please encourage your child to read whenever possible and sign their Reading Records.

Weekly Timetable in 4OD:

Every day - Reading book and reading record to be brought in.

Monday – Come to school in your PE kit.

Wednesday - Homework due in.

Thursday - Spelling test

Friday - Homework and spellings sent home.

Maths:

In Maths we will be focussing on the 4 operations and our understanding of place value. We will practise the different method for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. There will also be a big focus on learning our times tables as there is a multiplication check test near the end of Year 4. You can use 'Times Tables Rock Stars: Sound Check' to practise there and there are some good tips on this website:

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/tables.html>

English:

We will be reading the book '*Operation Gadgetman*' by Malorie Blackman.

We will be designing our own spy gadget and describing it. We will also look closely at the characters in the story and try to become detectives ourselves by working out the mystery!

Art

We are very lucky to have an artist coming in on Wednesday afternoons this term to teach art (Miss Pickup). She will be teaching the children art skills producing work linked to our topic, Romans.

History

This half term the children will be learning about the Romans as part of the History curriculum. We will be researching how the Romans lived, battled and their beliefs. We will be looking at Roman art work and the Roman baths, 'Why were the Romans so Powerful and what did we learn from them?' There are lots of sites you can visit to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_rome.php

P.E

We will be having P.E every Monday with Mr Culshaw. Please ensure your child comes to school on this day wearing their P.E kit. This should be black shorts / joggers, white T-shirt and pumps (for indoor) / trainers (for outside).

Science:

In Science, we will be looking at the properties of different materials. We will be testing various items to see whether the reaction is reversible or irreversible, we will be planning our own experiments to see if we can turn liquids into gases and separating groups of materials based on their properties. There are some great videos and games on these websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zryycdm>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/Science/changingmaterials.htm#2>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=70>