



# Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Loughton School! We are impressed with how well the children have settled into the new routines of year 3 and how independent they are becoming. So far, the children have explored a different book in each class for our 'Take One Book' week and submerged themselves in activities associated with the text. You can read more about this on our [year 3 blog](#) on the school website, which will be updated weekly moving forwards.

The children have already begun to learn about place value in maths, retelling the Peter Rabbit story in their English sessions and learning all about 'Amazing Animals' in our theme lessons. The year 3 team are impressed with the presentation, hard work and perseverance shown by the children in their lessons.

At Loughton School, we value positive working relationships with our families; we are all here to work with you to support your child over the course of the year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries about your child. Whilst we cannot always talk to you at the classroom doors in the mornings, we do aim to answer emails within 48 working hours.

## MEET THE TEAM

### **HB1 – Mrs Wilmshurst** [Wilmshurstb@loughton.school](mailto:Wilmshurstb@loughton.school)

My name is Mrs Wilmshurst and I'm really excited to be a teacher in year 3. I have two children; Penny (9) and Louis (7). I'm looking forward to telling you stories about all the wonderful things they get up to. One of my favourite subjects is English because I love reading and writing. When I'm not at school, I love to read, go for long walks with my children and go for long runs on my own. I also love to go to the cinema but I hate popcorn!

### **HB2 – Miss Hawkes** [Hawkess@loughton.school](mailto:Hawkess@loughton.school)

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Hawkes and this is my fourth year at Loughton School. I am very excited to see what this year holds as it will be my first time teaching year 3. My favourite subjects include: science and guided reading. I absolutely love books! I cannot wait to get to know you all and share this journey through year 3 together.

### **HB3 – Mr Taylor** [Taylork@loughton.school](mailto:Taylork@loughton.school)

My name is Mr Taylor and I have been teaching at Loughton now for 20 years. This is my first time in year 3 as I've previously worked in the upper end of the school. I am really looking forward to the challenge and getting stuck into our exciting curriculum. My favourite subjects are maths and PE. I am a huge sports fan and I love running, playing cricket and tennis in my spare time and watching how my football team Luton Town will do this season in the Premier League.

### **HB4 – Mrs Holliday (Year leader)** [hollidayc@loughton.school](mailto:hollidayc@loughton.school)

This is only my second year at Loughton School but I have been teaching for 13 years. My favourite subjects are English, science and geography but I also really enjoy our Kings and Queens theme which we learn about in the spring term. Outside of school, I love to travel and explore new places with my husband and my son, Adam, who is in year 4 this year. I am keen on lots of different sports: I love to watch football but I also play for and captain a netball team. As year leader, I look forward to getting to know you all and celebrating the wonderful work you achieve throughout the year.

### **Senior leader linked to year 3 - Mrs Frost** [Froste@loughton.school](mailto:Froste@loughton.school)

Welcome everyone, I am Mrs Frost and I am so excited to be supporting our year 3s this year. This year I am entering my 14th year at Loughton School and my 8th as part of the leadership team. I am pleased to be teaching in HB1 for a couple of afternoons each week. I am most looking forward to our visit to the Tower of London as part of our learning in the spring term. Outside of school, I have started a beginners running club. I also enjoy Zumba, seeing my friends and visiting Cornwall which is where my family live. I look forward to telling you stories about my mischievous cat, Oscar.



Additional adults that will be working in year 3 this year include:

**HLTAs:** Mrs Vernon, Miss Garner, Mr Hodgson and Mr Williams, will all be working with us this year.

**Learning support assistants:** Miss Ruggles, Mr Brown, Miss Day and Mrs Ross.

**Family support workers:** Miss Churchman and Mrs Gordge

**SENDCo:** Mrs Ramsden

Should you need to contact Mrs Ramsden, you may contact her via telephone by calling the school office and asking to be put through on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or send her an email.

[ramsdenc@loughton.school](mailto:ramsdenc@loughton.school)

### **BEHAVIOUR**

<b>Rules</b> <b>Be your best</b> Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe	<b>Visible Consistencies</b> Meet and Greet Recognition boards Hand up for silence	<b>Over &amp; Above Recognition</b> VIP of the day Feel Good Friday reward SLT VIP assembly and stars assembly
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Above are the three clear rules we ask the children to follow: be ready, be respectful and be safe.

As a school, we want to celebrate all of the children for their over and above (exceptional) behaviour. We will be having Friday treats and daily VIPs to recognise those children. The children are also aware of a series of consequences that will be followed if they do not adhere to the Loughton School rules. If this happens, you will be informed by your child's class teacher or, in more serious circumstances, the year manager.

### **UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS**

We ask that you support your child to be school-ready, which includes them wearing the correct school uniform, alongside suitable black shoes (not trainers). No non-uniform hoodies are permitted for PE days.

They will need a small book-bag for transporting reading books / homework folders etc, and a healthy lunch box if required. Large rucksacks are discouraged due to limited cloakroom space.

**Please make sure any belongings are named, as this is the only way to guarantee the return of lost items.**

### **GAMES / P.E. DAYS**

**HB1, HB2 and HB3 – Tuesday and Friday**  
**HB4 – Monday and Friday**



Please can you ensure children come to school 'PE ready' for those days, as this allows for a full active hour. Children will not have time to change in school. **We will be going outside in most kinds of weather and suggest that you send your child with suitably seasonal clothing.**

Finally, children are not allowed any jewellery in school, apart from plain ear studs, which need to be removable. Long hair must be tied back for Games and P.E.

### **HOMEWORK BINGO**

Aside from regular reading and times table practise at home, our year 3 children will be given a '**Homework Bingo**' to complete, which will be issued on a dedicated year 3 homework online noticeboard called padlet. Tasks set each half-term will link to the learning taking place at school and aim to support areas identified by the teaching team.

The Homework Bingo will be set in the first week of each half term (with the exception of Autumn 1, which will be issued in week 2/3) and is due in the last week of term. Specific dates and further details are included on the homework bingo sheet.

**Year 3 Homework:**

[https://padlet.com/holidayc/year\\_3](https://padlet.com/holidayc/year_3)

**Password:** Loughton

Children will be issued with their own homework folder, which they can use to store and submit all completed tasks throughout the year. Some tasks may require photographic evidence – we are happy for these to be emailed to class teachers if home printing is an issue.

Please also refer to our '**Activity Passport**' column for lots of fun activities that the children will enjoy completing whilst earning house tokens for doing so!



### **READING RECORDS**

At Loughton School, we want our children to develop a passion for reading and something that can be enjoyed at home as well as at school. For that reason, we have given each child an orange book in which to record the books that they are reading. There is space in these books for an adult, or older sibling, who has listened to them read, to write a comment or to simply sign the page.

We would like children to read regularly at home and discuss their books with an adult/older sibling. Even if you feel they are confident readers, they will benefit from showing off their skills and talking about their reading, to show they have understood the text.

Every child in year 3 will be able to choose a reading book to bring home each week. We encourage the children to read a little every night but suggest a minimum of 4 times a week.

## PARENTMAIL

We will send all of our school communications via ParentMail. We use ParentMail +Pay for payments for trips and visits. Additionally, it means you can easily and safely pay for your child's hot school lunches. Please contact the school office if you need any help.

## YEAR 3 CURRICULUM WEB

Lots of parents ask us at the beginning of the year how else they can support and extend their child's learning at home, in addition to the homework set. Pre-learning topic related vocabulary and beginning each new topic with some understanding would help your child to make the best progress. On our padlet page under 'curriculum web' is an overview of the subjects taught and details of what your child will be covering within this subject. This is the case for all subjects such as French, art and PE.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **21.9.23** – Curriculum workshop for parents from 5.45pm
- **26.9.23** – Let's leap outdoor activity day – *PE kits needed for all of year 3 please*
- **2.10.23** - Clubs start this week
- **3.10.23** – School photographs – *all children to please wear smart school uniform*
- **4.10.23** – Zoolab visit
- **5.10.23** – National poetry day
- **16.10.23** – HB1 & HB2 trip to the central library
- **17.10.23** – HB3 & HB4 trip to the central library
- **16.10.23** – Face to face parent consultations
- **17.10.23** – Virtual parent consultations
- **19.10.23** - End of Autumn 1 at 3.15pm
  
- **30.10.23** – Autumn 2 starts at 8.40am
- **23.11.23** – Dance workshop – *PE kits needed for all of year 3 please*
- **7.12.23** – Christmas jumper day
- **14.12.23** – Christmas window walk around
- **21.12.23** - End of Autumn 2 at 1.15pm finish

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our parent consultations will be in October and February. Both of these will be a mixture of face-face appointments as well as virtual ones to suit all families. In the Autumn term, these are scheduled to take place on **Monday 16 October (face-face) and Tuesday 17 October (virtual)** between **4-7pm**. More information about this will be coming out in the next few weeks.

We look forward to working alongside you and your children this year.

Best Wishes,

*Caroline Holliday* (Year Manager)  
and the rest of the Year 3 team.