



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy first week and we have loved seeing the children so excited about their return to school. We hope their enthusiasm continues throughout the term. 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 4 blog](#) on the school website, which will be updated weekly moving forwards.

Our year 4 team are committed to working with you to support and nurture your child over the course of the year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries. Whilst we cannot talk to you at the classroom doors, we do aim to answer emails within 48 hours wherever possible.

The classes this year are as follows:

Year 4 class teachers

- **HB5** – Miss Brago and Miss Garner
- **HB6** – Mrs Newman
- **HB7** – Miss Carter
- **HB8** – Mrs Ruggles

Meet the team

HB5 – Miss Brago

Bragon@loughton.school

My name is Miss Brago and I will be teaching HB5 on a Monday and Tuesday this year. I am also an Assistant Headteacher at Loughton with my focus being on pastoral and behaviour. Although I have been a teacher here at Loughton for 5 years, this is my first time teaching in year 4 and I am very excited to teach brand new units, such as Italy and sharing my knowledge on the Romans. I am particularly excited about all the cooking units that we have planned for the children this year.

HB5 – Miss Garner

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My name is Miss Garner and I will be HB5's teacher 3 days a week. I am very excited to be working in this role and look forward to seeing the children grow over the year. I speak a number of languages and can play a range of instruments. This is also my third year teaching art to year 3 and I do like to be quite creative when teaching. I am a voracious reader and can often be

found in my home library. I hope to influence the children in becoming more prolific readers through my own passion and love of reading.

HB6 – Mrs Newman

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My name is Mrs Newman and I am one of the year 4 teachers. I love being a teacher and am excited to see what challenges and exciting topics this year will bring. I love reading and I am responsible for championing phonics across the school and working with all teachers to find exciting ways to teach and learn phonics. Learning your sounds and blends will help you be a great reader. I have a passion for swimming, running, and cycling - you could say I just love keeping fit and being outdoors. I have two black Labradors: Flinn who is 4 years old and Blu who is just 10 months old! They both love long walks.

HB7 – Miss Carter

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My name is Miss Carter and I am the year manager of year 4. I thoroughly enjoy a range of sports especially football. I am looking forward to coaching football in afterschool clubs this year. I have a passion for History and enjoy reading. I love to travel and explore new places. I am particularly excited about the books that we read in year 4 across the curriculum. I hope the children thoroughly enjoy their time in year 4 and I am looking forward to getting to know them all.

HB8 – Mrs Ruggles

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My name is Mrs Ruggles and I am about to start my 13th year of teaching at Loughton School. I have previously taught in year 5 and 6 and so know exactly where the children need to be by the end of year 4. I have a number of passions: badminton, dancing, reading, travelling and walking – to name a few. A lot of my time is taken up with my two gorgeous grandchildren, so fitting in my hobbies are a bit of a struggle!

Additional adults that will be working in year 4 this year include:

HLTAs: Mrs Vernon, Mrs Carter, Mrs Nabbs, Mr Hodgson and Mr Williams will all be working with us this year.

Learning support assistants: Mr Carter, Mrs Dillon, and Mrs Haselton.

Family support workers: Ms 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 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or alternatively send her an email: ramsdenc@loughton.school

Behaviour

Rules Be your best Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe	Visible Consistencies Meet and Greet Recognition boards Hand up for silence	Over & Above Recognition VIP of the day Feel Good Friday reward SLT VIP assembly and stars assembly
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The school has three simple rules: the children should always be **ready, respectful and safe**. Each classroom has a display where we recognise and reward the children for following the school rules.

'Feel Good Friday' activities will be enjoyed by the whole class, each week, to reward the children for their behaviour and effort in class. If your child does not follow the school rules, they may lose time from 'Feel Good Friday' or be removed for a restorative meeting, ready for the next week. If this happens, you will be informed by your child's class teacher or, in more serious circumstances, the year manager.

We also celebrate our children's success with a 'VIP' of the day. A different child will be chosen from each class, every day, for displaying and exceeding our school's values. When your child has achieved 'VIP of the day', they will receive a 'VIP' sticker and you will receive an email from their class teacher as to why they were selected, giving you the opportunity to celebrate your children's success with them.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child wears correct school uniform every day, including black school shoes (not trainers) and has the correct PE kit on PE days. This P.E. kit includes a Loughton School P.E. T-shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms. **Please make sure all clothing is named, particularly cardigans, sweatshirts/jumpers and coats.** You can see the full uniform details on the year group Padlet page.

P.E days

HB5: Thursday and Friday
HB6: Thursday and Friday
HB7: Monday and Thursday
HB8: Thursday and Friday

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for any weather that we may encounter, as weather predictions for the day may not always be accurate.

Children are not to wear any jewellery in school, apart from plain ear studs that need to be easily removable for P.E. If these are sleepers and cannot be removed, then your child will not be able to take part. All children should have long hair tied back for games and P.E. lessons.

Homework

This year, homework will be uploaded onto our year group Padlet. The homework project set each term will be linked to the theme learning taking place at school. The project will be uploaded at the start of the term with a completion date.

<https://padlet.com/misshcarter/year4>

Password: **Loughton**

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!

Year 4 Topic webs

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 school website under 'curriculum overview', is a topic web for each term. This document outlines and explains each subject area that we are learning throughout the term. This topic web can also be found on the padlet page under the information section.



Reading

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 your child or an adult/older sibling who has listened to them read, to write a comment or to simply sign the page. For their homework, they are to decorate the outside cover of their book, to personalise their own reading record. This book should only be used to communicate about reading. Teacher emails should be used for any other form of communication.

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.





Year 4 times table check

The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12 X 12 by the end of year 4. Schools will have a three-week

window to administer the times tables test in June.

Each class has a dedicated maths fluency lesson each day that includes some times table practice. However, in the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to practise recalling their times table facts at home using the 'TT Rockstars' website/app during the week. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have mislaid their log in or password. If you notice that your child is finding a particular times tables tricky, chunking these times tables will help. For Example: consolidating and focussing on two times tables' facts until they are confident in their recall.

Important Dates for your diary

- **21.9.23** – Curriculum workshop for parents from 5.45pm
- **27.9.23** – Let's Leap outdoor activity morning – *PE kits needed for all of year 4 please*
- **2.10.23** - Clubs start this week
- **3.10.23** - School photographs – *all children to please wear smart school uniform*
- **5.10.23** – National poetry day
- **19.10.23** – Roman workshop and villa at Bradwell Abbey
- **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
- **3.11.23** - Roman Battle (in school)
- **24.11.23** - Pizza Making (in school)
- **6.12.23** – year 4 and 5 carol service
- **7.12.23** – Christmas lunch and jumper day
- **12.12.23** – Year 4 and 5 production to parents for those children who opted to join
- **14.12.23** – Year 4 enterprise day (parents welcome to join their children in school that day). Christmas window viewing and the year 4 enterprise sale after school.
- **22.12.23** - 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 are all here to work with you and are happy to support you when needed.

Hannah Carter (year manager)
and the rest of the Year 4 team.