



# Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 5 and the start of a brand new academic year. So far, we have been really impressed with how well the children have come into school ready to learn after a well-earned summer holiday. They have been amazing and we are all feeling very positive and excited about the year ahead!

We are all here to work with you to help 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. We are here to work together! Whilst we cannot always talk to you at the classroom doors, we do aim to answer emails within 48 hours wherever possible. Please pass on any urgent messages to the school office.

The classes this year are as follows:

- HB9 – **Mr Ben Whyman**  
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- HB10 – **Miss Elsie Daniells**  
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- HB11 – **Mrs Lizzie Sanderson** - Year Leader (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)  
[sandersonl@loughton.school](mailto:sandersonl@loughton.school)  
**Mrs Lai-Kit** (Thursday and Friday)  
[lai-kitk@loughton.school](mailto:lai-kitk@loughton.school)
- HB12 – **Mrs Lizzie Woodards**  
[woodardsl@loughton.school](mailto:woodardsl@loughton.school)

## THE YEAR 5 TEACHERS – GETTING TO KNOW THEM

### HB9 – MR WHYMAN

Hi! I'm Mr Whyman. I have been a teacher here at Loughton School for five years now. I trained to be a teacher in year 3 with Mrs McNeaney as my mentor. Since then, I spent a year in year 5, two years in year 4 and now I'm back in year 5, which I am very excited about, where the curriculum is full of things that peak my interest. For example: the Vikings, space and the world around us. I am also particularly looking forward to the year 4 and year 5 optional production this year. I enjoy exploring many of the green spaces Milton Keynes has to offer and you will often find me out and about getting my steps in.

### HB10 - MISS DANIELLS

Hello, my name is Miss Daniells! My favourite subjects are maths and music. I have played the flute and piano since I was little and particularly like to play music in a large group because I love how loud it is and that everyone is working together. In my free time I love to spend time outdoors by walking my dogs or going camping with my friends - I slept in a tent for three weeks this summer!

### HB11 - MRS SANDERSON

Having been a teacher for 28 years, I have taught at Loughton since 2018. I am very excited to be leading year 5 as I love the topics that we will be studying this year. One of my very early ambitions was to be an astronaut so I am really looking toward to the space topic. My favourite subjects are science and history. I am married to Ian and have two daughters, Kiera and Abigail and two little dogs called Millie and Lola who you will hear lots about this year. In my spare time, I love reading, travelling, walking, going to the cinema and spending time with my friends.

### HB11 - MRS LAI-KIT

Hello! My name is Mrs Lai-Kit, I am excited to be with year 5 again this year and I am really looking forward to working with a great team of adults and children. My favourite subjects are history and PE. I enjoy finding out about different people, cultures and times so theme this year is going to be exciting. I look forward to getting to know the children, encouraging them to challenge themselves and especially as a year 5 teacher, I will be focused on building their confidence to help them embrace new freedoms, new responsibilities and new experiences in the upper school.

### HB12 – MRS WOODARDS

I am Mrs Woodards and I am the class teacher in HB12. I have been at Loughton School for 7 years now and have taught a mixture of years 5 and 6 during my time here. I am very passionate about books and reading and I very much enjoy visiting the library and talking about books with the children. My favourite subjects to teach are maths, English, PE and of course, reading. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I am very much looking forward to getting to know and working with the children of HB12 this year.

**Additional adults that will be working in year 5 this year include:**

**Student teacher (working with HB12):** Mrs Ramswell  
**HLTAs:** Mrs Vernon, Mrs Carter, Mrs Brownlow, Mrs Read, Mr Hodgson and Mr Williams will all be working with us this year.

**Learning support assistants:** Mrs Devlin and Mrs Brownlow

**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)



### READING AT HOME

Hearing your child read is such an important aspect of their learning. They will be completing reading records at home (orange reading records have been sent home already) and within school, which will give the children a chance to reflect on their reading and share reading experiences with other members of the class.

We would love your children to read regularly and discuss their books with an adult at home. Even if you feel they are confident readers, they benefit from showing off their skills and talking about their reading. This is a time when you can have real quality time with your child and share a love of books and reading. Encouraging your child to visit a library and regularly take out a variety of book genres makes a lovely family outing.

### HOMEWORK

The homework set this term will be a mix of project based and 'homework bingo' activities that the children will be able to select from. All homework activities will be discussed with children and posted on the padlet.

Our homework page link is as follows:  
<https://padlet.com/sanderson1/year5>

The password is **Loughton**

Reading is seen as a daily homework activity whereby the children read for at least 15 minutes.

The children will also be expected to practise regularly on **TTRockstars**, **Numbots** and **maths.co.uk**. More information to follow.

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!

### AUTUMN TERM THEMES

This autumn term our theme is 'The World Around Us'. This involves the science topics of 'Earth and the Solar System' and materials. We will be looking at current world issues, especially those focusing on the rainforests, use of plastic, recycling/reusing/reducing and pollution.

In English, the children will be improving upon their skills of story writing, biographical writing and a persuasive argument text. In maths, we will be covering place value, addition, subtraction, reading and interpreting tables and line graphs, special numbers (multiples, factors, prime, squares cubes), perimeter and area. The teaching of the times tables and number bonds is ongoing. We will be busy!

### YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM

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 curriculum web of the different subjects the children will cover in each of the national curriculum subjects. These are issued termly.



### PE DAYS

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.

- HB9 – Tuesday and Thursday
- HB10 – Tuesday and Thursday
- HB11 – Monday and Tuesday
- HB12 – Tuesday and Friday

Children are not allowed any jewellery in school, apart from plain ear studs, which should be removable for PE lessons.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have some exciting enrichment activities planned for the autumn term: -

- **21.9.23:** curriculum workshop **5.45-7pm**
- **2.10.23** - Clubs start this week
- **3.10.23** – Individual school photos – *all children to please wear smart school uniform*
- **3.10.23 and 4.10.23** – plastics in the oceans workshop delivered by Milton Keynes recycling centre (FREE activity)
- **5.10.23** - National poetry day
- **6.10.23** - Music workshop STOMP using junk percussion (*£3.50 parental contribution*)
- **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
- **8.11.23** - Planetarium workshop (*£4 parental contribution*)
- **6.12.23** – year 4 and 5 Christmas carol concert
- **7.12.23**- Christmas jumper day
- **12.12.23**- Year 4 and 5 production to parents for those children who opted to join
- **13.12.23** - Christingle assembly
- **14.12.23**- Enterprise sale and Christmas window display
- **21.12.23** - End of Autumn 2 at 1.15pm

## 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.

If you have any further questions, please do contact me.

Best wishes,

*Lizzie Sanderson* (Year manager)

and the rest of the year 5 team.