



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Dear Parents,

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. We are all here to work with you to help your child over the course of the year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries about your child. We are here to work together!

The classes this year are as follows:

HB9 – Mrs Natasha Vaike

HB10 – Mrs Samantha Ruggles (Year Leader)

HB11 – Mr Kevin Taylor

HB12 – Mrs Lizzie Woodards

Mrs Jo Gray & Miss Ann Darvil – additional maths teachers

There will also be lessons from Mr Joe Sullivan (PE/Games), Mrs Debbie Carter (Art), Mr Luke Hodgson (Languages) and Mrs Bianca Vernon (Music/Drama)

THE YEAR 5 TEACHERS – GETTING TO KNOW THEM

MRS RUGGLES

I have been teaching for 30 years, the last eight being at Loughton School, and my experience is very much rooted in year 5 and 6. Over the last few years, I have been the year leader in year 6 and now the leader in year 5. My subject passions are maths and PE. Outside of school, I love to read, play badminton and spend time with my delightful two-year old grandson.

MRS VAIKE

Hi, I hail from the Pacific islands. I have been teaching for 26 years and 16 of those have been at Loughton! I am a sports fan and coach (roll on the Rugby World Cup). Outside of school, my life is filled with my performing arts work, sports and my

children! I am really looking forward to all my class being keen All Black supporters!

MR TAYLOR

I have taught at Loughton since 2004, spending time in years 4, 5 and 6. I am married to Louise and have a 21-year old son named James, who is a former pupil of the school. My favourite subjects are PE, Maths and Geography. I am a passionate sportsman with my main interests outside school being running, cricket and tennis. I have completed in two London marathons and three Great North runs, the most recent being last weekend.

MRS WOODARDS

I am Mrs. Woodards, I am currently teaching in year 5 in HB12. This is my fourth-year teaching at Loughton school. In my first year here, I taught in year 5 and I have spent the last 2 years teaching in year 6. I enjoy English and PE and I love reading.



READING AT HOME

Hearing your child read is such an important aspect of their learning.

We would love for 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. We request that the children record their reading at home on the appropriate Reading Log pages of their homework book. Please could you kindly sign their Reading Log as and when they have read. This should ideally be at least four times a week.

HOMEWORK

The homework set this term will complement the learning taking place in school. There will be a Maths and Spelling set each week and Theme work set as a project piece of homework. Please check your child's Homework Book for any work set and support them in the completion of it.

Maths homework will be set on a Thursday and be expected to be returned by the following Tuesday. Reading is seen as a daily homework activity whereby they read for at least 15 minutes. Spellings will be given out on a different day for each class and they will have a week to learn them.

AUTUMN TERM THEMES

This Autumn term our theme is 'The World Around Us'. This involves the science topics of 'Earth and the Solar System', forces, materials and a plastics project. We will be looking at current world issues, especially those focusing on the rainforests. In English, the children will be improving upon their skills of writing descriptive settings, recount texts of their visit to the Space Centre and also an information text and persuasive letter linked to our 'Reduce, reuse and recycle' project.' We will be busy!

PE/LIBRARY DAYS

PE

HB9 – Tuesday/Friday

HB10 – Tuesday/Wednesday

HB11 – Monday/Thursday

HB12 – Tuesday and Friday

LIBRARY

HB9 – Wednesday

HB10 – Wednesday

HB11 – Wednesday

HB12 – Thursday

YEAR 5 'I CAN' STATEMENTS

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 map of the different subjects the children will cover. Each subject has a list of 'I can' statements, in which the children will be aiming to be able to say they can do by the time we break up for the Christmas holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AUTUMN TERM

Caldecotte residential - 18th, 19th, 20th September

Y5/6 OAA day – 20th September

Space Centre trip – 27th September

Y5/6 Harvest Assembly – 15th October 9.45am

Parents' Evenings

22nd October 4-7pm

24th October 5-8pm

Half Term - Week beginning 28th October

INSET day – 4th November

Recycling Centre Trips

20th, 21st, 27th, 28th November

Disco – Year 5/6

28th October 7.15-8.15pm

Family Open Day – 19th December

Best wishes,

Samantha Ruggles (Year Leader)

and the rest of the year 5 team.