



# Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the Autumn term! As a team, we have been really impressed with how well the children have come into school ready to learn. We hope this continues throughout the year.

## YEAR 4 CLASS TEACHERS

### **HB5 – Mrs Caroline Ramsden / Mrs Lizzie Sanderson (Deputy Year Leaders)**

Hello, my name is Mrs Ramsden and I have worked at Loughton for five years. I work alongside Mrs Sanderson in HB5 and I am one of the deputy year leaders. My favourite subjects are English and History – I have a real passion for reading! I am currently enjoying the Percy Jackson series. My spare time is spent running around after my 2-year-old daughter; I also enjoy going to music concerts, the zoo and to the cinema.

My name is Mrs Sanderson and I am the other deputy year leader at Loughton. I also oversee History for the school. This is my second year at Loughton. My favourite subjects are History and Science: I love the Tudors and conducting messy experiments! In my spare time, I love to ride horses, walk my dogs, reading and going to the cinema.

### **HB6 – Mrs Roxane King**

My name is Mrs King. I am helping to support the Science curriculum this year. I enjoy History, Science and P.E (particularly outdoor sports). I am a Cub Akela and often take our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts on camping holidays. I play mixed hockey and attend regular boxercise. I have two grown up children and tortoiseshell cat, called Cat!

### **HB7 – Mr Dale Drewe (Year Leader)**

My name is Mr Drewe and I am the Year Leader for Year 4. I also oversee Reading for the school. This is my first year at Loughton and I am really looking forward to getting to know all of the children in our year group. My favourite subjects are P.E and English. I generally enjoy keeping fit by running, going to the gym and attending a weekly Bootcamp session to name a few things! Other than fitness, I enjoy reading (mainly scary stories), travelling, going to the cinema, spending time with

my family and friends and even playing a bit of Playstation from time to time!

### **HB8 – Mrs Helen Abbot/ Miss Kayleigh Rodgie**

My name is Mrs Abbott and I've taught at Loughton for quite some time now as I really like it here and the people I work with. I have 2 daughters; one is at university and one is in sixth form. As a family, we do lots of music. I play the violin, like my daughters, and play with the Wolverton Light Orchestra. I enjoy art, crafts, listening to music and many other things too. I have a King Charles Spaniel, called Elsie, and a cat, called Tabitha.

My name is Miss Rodgie and this is my second year at Loughton. I work with Mrs Abbot in HB8 and I help to support the R.E curriculum in school. My favourite subjects are R.E and PSHE as I love learning about other cultures and faiths. I have a 3-year-old little girl, who keeps me busy in my spare time! I also enjoy reading and collecting crystals.

## Additional Year 4 teachers

Mrs Gray / Miss Cirigottis – 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)

## BEHAVIOUR

The school has three simple rules for the children to follow, to be: reading, respectful and safe. In each classroom, there is a Recognition Board where we recognise and reward the children for following the school rules.

We are also introducing 'Feel Good Friday', where we will be rewarding the children for a short part of the afternoon for their behaviour and effort in class each week. If your child doesn't 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 Leader.

## YEAR 4 '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.

## HOMWORK

Your child will have received a yellow homework book, with a treasury tag. The homework set each term will link to the learning taking place at school. There will be a mixture of Maths, English/SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation And Grammar) and Theme work. Maths and spelling homework will alternate each week. The children are usually set a Theme project every two weeks.

## Reading Record Log

We would also like 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. As a school, we have simplified how we will be monitoring reading this year (please see reading letter on ParentMail). This week, your child will be given a paper Reading Record Log inside their homework book. This is for you to record when your child reads at home. Your child should also comment and review the books they are reading. If your child is reading at least four times a week, they will be entered into a special prize draw to order a book of their choice half termly.

## P.E days:

**HB5:** Monday and Wednesday

**HB6:** Wednesday and Friday

**HB7:** Tuesday and Thursday

**HB8:** Monday and Wednesday



## MK CITY CENTRE EXPERIENCE - ROMANS

As part of our topic on Italy, we have arranged to visit the MK City Centre Experience, in Bradwell Abbey, for a Roman themed day. The day will involve meeting a Roman soldier, role-play a Roman banquet, and visit the remains of a Roman villa. There will also be an option for the children to dress up. A letter coming your way soon with further details.

## PIZZA EXPRESS – ITALY

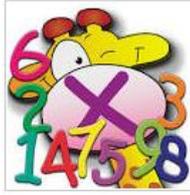
Again, to tie in with our topic of Italy, the children will be visiting Pizza Express for a morning. Here, they will be learning about food, tasting fresh ingredients and, of course, making authentic Italian pizzas! A letter will be sent on ParentMail later this term.



## UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS

We would ask that you make sure that your child is wearing correct school uniform, including black school shoes (not trainers), and have the correct PE kit of green/white P.E T-shirts and black shorts for indoor PE. Please make sure any belongings are named. As the weather gets colder, children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor PE. Please ensure PE bags are small enough to fit on a clothes peg, so that cloakrooms do not become too cluttered.

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



## **YEAR 4 TIMES TABLE TEST**

Starting this year, all state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to Year 4 pupils. The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12x12 by the end of year 4. Schools will have a three-week window to administer the times tables test between 10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June.

We will provide you with more information nearer the time. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to practise recalling their times table facts to 12x at home. Each class will have a dedicated time slot each week to continue to practise their times tables in school.

A great website for your child to practise the times table test is listed below:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/>

The format of the test will be very similar to the test the children will be taking in June.

As always, we are always available for a few minutes at the beginning and at the end of the school day. We are all here to work with you and are happy to support you when needed.

Yours sincerely,

*Dale Drewe* (Year Leader)

and the rest of the Year 4 team.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AUTUMN TERM**

**MK City Discovery Centre (HB5 & HB8)**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**MK City Discovery Centre (HB7 & HB6)**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Harvest assembly**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00

**Parents' evenings**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 4.00-7.00

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 5.00-8.00

**Half Term - Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Back to School**

Tuesday 5 November

**Pizza Express**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November (HB tbc)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November (HB tbc)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November (HB & HB tbc)

**Disco – Year 3/4**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 6.00-7.00pm

**Family open day – Christmas craft experience**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**End of term – Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> December**