



Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the summer term. I hope you are all well and coping with these very strange times. In my teaching career, I never thought I would be trying to teach via the internet and I bet none of you thought you would be supporting the home schooling of your own children. Has it persuaded any of you to join the teaching profession? 😊

It has been lovely that so many children and parents are keeping in touch with us teachers. It is a pleasure when children's work is shared with us. We are also able to see what you are all up to in your social time. It seems lots of you are enjoying the sunshine, exercising, cooking, doing puzzles, making craft items and completing family challenges. Also, some children/parents have shared problems, worries or concerns (just like they would at school) or have just said hello. Keep that communication going, as we teachers miss you all. Please keep encouraging your children to stay in contact. You can reach us through our email addresses

ruggless@loughton.school

woodardsl@loughton.school

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The school's safeguarding mobile number, if you ever need it is: **07879 528704**

For HB9 children, we understand things are a little more difficult at this time, without Miss Leather having started with us yet due to the lockdown. Please let the children know they can contact any of us teachers and we will happily help, chat or look at work.

With our year 5 team down to three teachers at the moment, I hope you will join me to say a big thank you to all the teachers for their ongoing efforts. This has been a very difficult time for all and the year 5 team have risen to the challenge of 'Padlet' learning. Before we went into lockdown, we suddenly had to learn a whole new way of teaching. Thank goodness, we had Mrs. Woodards in our team, who had the patience of a saint trying to teach myself and Mr Taylor (the two old dinosaurs) all the computer skills needed for the Padlet! We did it - our learning curve was a steep one!

SUMMER TERM THEMES

This summer term, our theme is 'Understanding Me'. Click [here](#) to see the 'I can' statements on our website. This involves the children learning about themselves - now, where they would like to be in the future and the journey they will take in order to achieve this. This is very much based around discussion work and hopefully we will be able to return to school to look more closely at this. For the first half term, on the Padlet, we are going to concentrate on the science work - 'Life Cycles' and the 'Human Body'.

For maths, we have transferred over to the White Rose scheme. It follows the same learning objectives as that of the Power Maths but also provides a video and worksheets each day. The children also still need to keep up their times tables learning, so any times tables games are highly encouraged eg: TT Rockstars.

In English, we should have been basing our written work around a book, which is now obviously impossible. So, for this half term, we are providing mini English topics for your child to complete. Each week, we will focus on a different style of writing.

We really hope you are encouraging your child to read. On the Padlet, we have lots of opportunities for the children to engage in reading activities. There is also the summer term reading challenge. If they complete this, they can always look back at the spring and autumn challenges. With much family time together now, it would be lovely for parents to take the time to share books. It is quality time well spent, encouraging children to have a love of reading.

In these unprecedented times, we are all concerned about the children's mental health and well-being. Our PSHE part of the Padlet will hopefully provide activities for them to do to promote a positive attitude towards coping with these times.

Remember we are all here to work with you to help your child. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries. We are here to work together!

Take care, stay safe and be happy.

Best wishes,

Samantha Ruggles

Year 5 Leader

and the rest of the year 5 team.