



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all! We can't believe we are at the start of the Spring term. The Autumn term seemed to fly by. Perhaps this was due to us being so busy with highlights being our trips to the Space Centre and the Recycling Centre, which were both very enjoyable and fun trips. The children were excellent and a real credit to the school on these trips. We also had the 'Stomp' music workshop as well as Christmas concert, which were both very successful.

This Spring term, we have lots to look forward to once again and hopefully it will be just as enjoyable as last term.

Year 5 would like to warmly welcome two previous Loughton teachers into our year group, who will be teaching HB9. They are Mr. Gibbon and Mr. Malloch. Mrs. Vaike will be greatly missed but both HB9's new teachers are experienced and very entertaining!

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 about your child. We are here to work together!

Best wishes,

Samantha Ruggles (Year Leader) and the rest of the year 5 team.

REMINDERS

PE DAYS

HB9 – Tuesday/Friday

HB10 – Tuesday/Wednesday

HB11 – Monday/Thursday

HB12 – Tuesday and Friday

LIBRARY DAYS

HB9 – Wednesday HB10 – Wednesday

HB11 – Wednesday HB12 – Thursday

SPRING TERM THEMES

This Spring term our theme is 'The Vikings'. This involves learning about Viking invasions and how they lived. We will also be looking at the myths and legends from these times.

We started the term with a visit from Bjorn, the Viking on our first day back. He was brilliant and taught us so much about the Vikings. Look out for 'soon to be published' articles on the school website, under the 'News and Events' tab, that we are writing in English at the moment that will tell you all the highlights of the day.

To support your child in their learning this term, please refer to the 'I can' statements the children are striving towards achieving this term on the school website under the 'Teaching and Learning' tab.

YEAR 5 NEWS FLASH

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

Before Christmas, all the classes in the school were asked to bring in food items to help those families in MK who were in need over Christmas. A challenge was set to see which class could bring in the most items. This class was a year 5 class – HB10. Well done, HB10.

ENTERPRISE DAY

Just before we broke up for the Christmas break, the school had an enterprise day where the children learnt about investing money and ways of saving. The children were then involved in making goods in order to sell and hopefully make a profit. The year 5 children all had an opportunity to making 'Melting Snowman Biscuits' with the help of many volunteer parents. It was a great success and hopefully soon we will be able to reveal year 5's profit made.

TT ROCKSTARS

Over the Christmas holidays, the year 5 classes were set up in a TT Rockstars competition as part of their maths homework to improve their times tables. It was HB9 vs HB10 and HB11 vs HB12. The two classes that won their competitions were HB10 and HB11, with the overall winners being HB10. Well done, HB10!

The overall individual winner was Kallum C (HB10) – scoring a massive 15,492. A brilliant effort Kallum. For more details of the competition winners please see Loughton's school website.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to be set to complement the learning taking place in school. There will be maths and spelling set each week. Please check your child's Homework book/folder for any work set and support them in the completion of it. A year 5 homework club is run by Mrs Ruggles on a Friday lunchtime for any child who would like a quiet place and time to do their homework or who may need help. They just need to turn up at HB10 at 12.15pm.

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

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 in their Reading Log booklet issued to them recently. Please could you kindly sign their Reading Log as and when they have read. This should ideally be at least four times a week. When they have their

reading recorded and signed by an adult, at least four times in a week, they then receive a raffle ticket. They put their name on the ticket and it then goes into a draw. A winner from each class draw receives a prize - a book of their choice.

SPRING FAMILY READING CHALLENGE.

For the start of this spring term, we have a reading challenge for your family (a parent mail was sent last term regarding this). An author for the month of January has been chosen – Michael Morpurgo. We challenge your family to read any Michael Morpurgo book together and to demonstrate this challenge has been completed, some evidence has to be submitted from your child. They could bring in a photo, write about the family's favourite parts of the book, make a 3D model of their favourite scene etc. This will be rewarded with some raffle tickets for the draw and a reading certificate. Come on – take up the challenge and enjoy the world of reading and some good quality family time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SPRING TERM

6TH JAN – INSET

7TH JAN – VIKING DAY

8TH JAN – MATHS DIVISION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS @ 7PM

21ST JAN – SRE TALK WITH BROOK

22ND JAN – WRITING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS (7PM)

28TH JAN – CHOIR AT YOUNG VOICES

4TH FEB – SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS (7PM)

7TH FEB – INTERIM REPORTS HOME

11TH FEB – PARENTS' EVENING 4-7PM

13TH FEB – PARENTS' EVENING 5-8PM

14TH FEB – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM (3.30PM)

24TH FEB – SCHOOL REOPENS (8.40AM)

26TH MARCH – KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY PARENT WORKSHOP (7PM)

2ND APRIL – YR 5/6 SPORTS RELIEF FAMILY FUN RUN (1.30PM)

3RD APRIL – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS (1.30PM)