



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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.

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. Whilst we cannot talk to you at the classroom doors, we do aim to answer emails within 48 hours wherever possible.

The classes this year are as follows:

YEAR 4 CLASS TEACHERS

HB5 - Miss Hawkes **HB7** – Mrs Newman
HB6 - Mrs King **HB8** – Mrs Abbott/Miss Rodgie

HB5 – Miss Hawkes HawkesS@loughton.school

Hello, my name is Miss Hawkes. This is my first year at Loughton and I am very excited to be part of the school family. My favourite subjects include English and reading but in my spare time I love spending time at my allotment, where I grow different varieties of fruit and vegetables. I also have a beautiful dog called Lucie, she is a Westie and yes, she does have an attitude!

HB6 – Mrs King KingR@loughton.school

My name is Mrs King. I am the Science champion. 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 a tortoiseshell cat, called Cat!

HB7 – Mrs Newman (Year Leader) NewmanD@loughton.school

My name is Mrs Newman and I am the Year Leader for Year 4. I also oversee Reading for lower Key Stage 2. This is my second year at Loughton and I am very pleased to be working with Year 4, as I was in Year 3 last year and know all the children well. My favourite subjects are P.E., maths and reading. I generally enjoy keeping fit by running, going to the gym and attending a weekly gym session to name a few things! Other than fitness, I have two huskies, which I love taking for long walks.

HB8 – Mrs Helen Abbot (Mon-Weds) AbbottH@loughton.school

My name is Mrs Abbott and I've taught at Loughton for quite some time now. I have 2 daughters and as a family, we do lots of music. Like my daughters, I play the violin and we all play with a Milton Keynes Orchestra. I also enjoy painting, crafts, listening to music and many other things too. I have a King Charles Spaniel and a cat who get on really well together.

HB8 – Miss Kayleigh Rodgie (Thurs & Fri) RodgieK@loughton.school

My name is Miss Rodgie and this is my third year at Loughton. I work with Mrs Abbot in HB8 and I am the RE champion in school. My favourite subjects are R.E. and PSHE, as I love learning about other cultures and faiths. I have a 4 year-old little girl, who keeps me busy in my spare time but I also enjoy reading and collecting crystals.

Additional Year 4 teachers

- **9 ¾ support group:** Mrs Nabbs, Mrs Read and Mrs Pandey
- **Learning support assistants:** Mrs Gray, Mrs Maughan, Mrs Brownlow, Mr Hodgson, Mrs Ross and Mrs Cooper

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 also have '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.

Uniform and School Bags

We would ask that you ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform, including black school shoes (not trainers), and have the correct PE kit on PE days of green/white P.E. t-shirts and black shorts/jogging bottoms. Please make sure all belongings are named.

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.

Homework

This year, homework will be uploaded onto padlet. The homework set each term will link to the learning taking place at school. This will alternate between maths and spelling. This homework will be set on a **Thursday** each week. Larger projects will be set throughout the year linked to the year group theme; more information will be provided about these throughout the year.

All homework can be found on the following website link:

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/newmand1/Year4>

Please use the homework book to jot any ideas down or practice spellings, then upload your learning to the shared learning section for feedback.



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). Your child will be given a paper Reading Record Log. 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:

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.

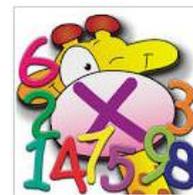
HB5: Monday and Tuesday

HB6: Monday and Friday

HB7: Tuesday and Thursday

HB8: Thursday and Friday

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-Tables Check

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– 28 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.

We are all here to work with you and are happy to support you when needed.

Yours sincerely,

Dee Newman (Year Leader)

and the rest of the Year 4 team.