

Loatlands Phase 3 News

Term 5 Newsletter
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Introduction

Welcome back, we hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and have enjoyed some of the better weather that we are now (finally) experiencing. The children are all rested and have settled back to school well ready for the final stretch of the academic year. It is another busy one for us all, with lots of great activities for the children to partake in.

Just a reminder that, if you have concerns, your first point of contact is always the class teacher, if you are not able to see them in person please send in a letter or call the office. If you would like to see me for any reason please contact the school office. My name is Teri Durling and I am the Year 6 – Austen class teacher.

PE days within the phase

Children need a PE kit, that stays in school throughout the term and long hair needs to be tied back.

Class	PE Days
Year 4 - Shakespeare	Monday Tuesday
Year 5 – Dickens	Thursday
Year 6 – Austen	Wednesday

Earrings must be removed by the child for PE. If your child is unable to remove earrings themselves, they should be removed before they come to school.

An indoor and an outdoor PE kit should be kept in school **at all times** as PE can sometimes be subject to change.

A reminder that a school PE kit consists of:

Indoor

Red (Loatlands or plain) T-shirt
Black shorts
Plimsolls

Outdoor

Red (Loatlands or plain) T-shirt
Black tracksuit
Trainers

Important points to note

Reading

New reading records have been sent out and all children should, by now, have one. Please make sure every child has reading book and reading record every day. If you have any questions about the reading record or expectations, please speak to your child's class teacher.

It is a school expectation that every child will read at home daily for at least 10 minutes and their reading record will be written in by their parent/carer. To make this easier for you, every child has a new reading log with a section for each day. Children will bring home books of their choice and they will move up a reading

band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy. These will be checked regularly by class teachers and house points allocated accordingly.

Spellings

A new set of spellings will continue to be sent home weekly for children to learn at home, each set will focus on a specific sound or rule for children to learn. Spelling tests will be held on Fridays.

Homework

Years 4 & 5 - Pick and Mix homework has been sent home by today and children should complete 2 Bigger Treats. Homework is due in on Monday 5th February. Please continue to ensure that your child completes Penny sweets daily.

Year 6 – Revision will continue for the next 3 weeks and then children will have a change in homework.

Website

Please continue to check the school website and weekly newsletters for dates and information on upcoming events.

Curriculum overview for Terms 5 & 6

Year Group	English Focus	Maths Focus	Topic Focus
Year 4	<u>Term 5</u> Quality Text Fantsatic Beasts and Where to Find Them – JK Rowling Types of writing Factfile Bird of Prey Poetry <u>Term 6</u> Quality Text Street Child – Bertie Doherty Types of Writing Narrative	Number Decimals Measurement Money Time <u>Term 6</u> Statistics Geometry Shape Position & Direction	<u>Terms 5 & 6</u> Predators and Prey
Year 5	<u>Term 5</u> Quality Text The Hlghwayman Types of writing Narrative <u>Term 6</u> 23 Degrees 5 Minutes (Short Film) Types of writing Narrative	<u>Term 5</u> Number Decimal Geometry Properties of Shape <u>Term 6</u> Geometry Position and Direction Measurement Converting Units Volume	<u>Terms 5 & 6</u> Explorers
Year 6	We will be using film again as stimuli for Term 5 <u>Term 5</u> Birthday Boy Biography of Charles Dickens Alma	<u>Term 5</u> Continuation with Revision <u>Term 6</u> Theme Park Project	<u>Terms 4 & 5</u> The 60's / John Lennon Looking at the life of John Lennon and his influences from around that time.

	<u>Term 6</u> Biography of John Lennon Newspaper article Emi		<u>Masterchef</u> Looking at healthy eating/balanced diets. Creating a meal plan and cooking for guests
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Year 4 & 6 Residentials

Year 4 had their first experience of a residential last week. All staff were incredibly proud of the children as, for some, this can be their first time away from home. From speaking to the children, they had lots of fun and I'm sure that they plenty of stories to share when they arrived home.

Year 6 will be on their residential to Scarborough in Term 5. Further details will be given closer to the time. Please ensure any outstanding payments are made to the office.

Phase performances

A huge well done to all of the children in Years 4 & 5 who put on a fabulous production last term. Lots of hard work went into the rehearsals from both staff and children, I am sure you will agree that it was worth all of the effort to see the fantastic result. I know that the children certainly enjoyed this part of the term. A huge well done to all involved.

Year 6 will start to rehearse for their end-of-year production once the SATs are over. Children will be allocated parts before the end of term 5 and will have the holidays to spend learning any lines, ready for the rehearsals. I know that they are all very excited for this so I cannot wait to start working with them on it.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs in 2 weeks' time and I am sure that you are with me in wishing them the very best of luck. They have worked so incredibly hard towards them – I am very proud of their efforts and the maturity that they have shown in the revision process. Breakfast club will be provided for all children this week, if you haven't already, please ensure reply slips are returned to school with your child. Good Luck Year 6!

Once again, I look forward to a great term working with all of your children.

Miss T Durling
Phase 3 Leader