

YEAR 5



Loose
Primary School

newsletter

Edition 2

3rd October 2025

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

What a fantastic few weeks it's been! The children have continued to settle in brilliantly and are showing such excitement and energy in their learning. We are so impressed with how they are living our values of being Safe, Ready and Respectful, as well as following our school rules so thoughtfully in and around the classroom. Over the past fortnight, we've also enjoyed the start of Black History Month, with children showing great curiosity and enthusiasm for their learning and discussions. A particular highlight has been the School Council speeches – the quality, confidence and passion the children demonstrated was truly inspiring.

Maths – In maths, the children have now completed their learning on place value and have moved on to addition and subtraction. They are developing their confidence with both mental and written methods, working carefully to apply their knowledge to increasingly complex problems. The children have shown great enthusiasm for using practical strategies and resources to support their understanding, and they are beginning to make thoughtful connections between different approaches.

Challenge – Can you think of all the different words that mean the same as addition and subtraction?

Literacy – In literacy, the children have been immersing themselves in the world of Morrigan Crow. They have been exploring her character in depth and using our planning strategies to help them step into her shoes. The children have been developing their ideas by mapping out key events and emotions before writing, and are now beginning to craft diary entries in Morrigan's voice. It has been fantastic to see them drawing on her thoughts and feelings to create authentic, engaging pieces of writing that capture her personality and experiences.

Challenge – How can you show a character's feelings in a diary without saying them directly?

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History –

In history, the children have been learning about the Benin Kingdom and its rich culture and achievements. They have explored how trade connected Benin with other parts of the world and considered the importance of art, craftsmanship, and leadership within the kingdom. Building on this, the children have also begun to learn about the transatlantic slave trade, discussing how trade links changed over time and the devastating impact this had on millions of people. They have been asking thoughtful questions, comparing different perspectives, and reflecting on why it is so important to study and remember this part of history.

COMING UP

School Trip: 6th November Y5 will be visiting the Science Museum in London via train (from Staplehurst). More information will follow.

African Drumming Demonstration: We will be showcasing our African Drumming that we are learning in music.

Mon 13th: Sunstone, Tues 14th: Amethyst, Wed 15th: Topaz
All 2.45pm-3.10pm in Orchard Hall

REMINDERS

- Please ensure contact books are in school every day.
- Also, PE kits need to be in school on all PE days.

PE Timetable

<u>Amethyst</u>	<u>Sunstone</u>	<u>Topaz</u>
Monday	Monday	Monday