

# YEAR 5



**Loose**  
Primary School

newsletter

Edition 5

**8th January 2026**

## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

Since returning to school in the new year, the children have settled back into routines very well and have approached their learning with continued enthusiasm. In design and technology, they have enjoyed an introduction to bridge building, exploring how structures are designed and constructed. Science lessons have provided an introduction to materials, with pupils learning about their properties through practical activities. In history, the children have shown maturity and respect as they were introduced to Changing Britain and the civil rights activists who helped shape the country over the 20th century. It has been a pleasure to see their positive attitudes come into the new term.

In maths, the children have begun their work on multiplication. They have been introduced to the area model to help build a clear understanding of how multiplication works, before moving on to the formal written method of long multiplication. The children have approached this new learning with confidence and enthusiasm, showing a willingness to challenge themselves and explain their thinking clearly.

In literacy, the children have begun a new piece of writing focused on debating the advantages and disadvantages of outdoor and indoor learning. They have been introduced to the process of formal debating, learning how to structure arguments, present points clearly, and support ideas with reasons and evidence. The children have also explored what makes an effective debate, including the use of persuasive language and respectful discussion. They have shown high levels of engagement and enjoyment throughout this unit, particularly during debating tennis.

## COMING UP

Tuesday 20th January 9am Orchard Hall: Sunstone Class Assembly

Tuesday 27th January 9am Orchard Hall: Topaz Class Assembly

Tuesday 3rd February 9am Orchard Hall: Amethyst Class Assembly

## REMINDERS

- Please ensure contact books are in school every day.
- Also, PE kits need to be in school on all PE days.
- Breaktime snacks should be healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables.

### PE Timetable

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