

# YEAR 5



**Loose**  
Primary School

newsletter

Edition 7

**13th March 2026**

## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

This term is moving quickly, and we have had a great start! World Book Day was a wonderful day with some fabulous costumes and a celebration of reading.

In maths, the children have worked well with decimals, finding the place value up to thousandths. The children have also been shown how to round to the nearest whole number, and nearest tenth. All the adults have been extremely impressed with the accuracy in the maths so far. The children have also learnt how to convert percentages into fractions and decimals.

In literacy, the children have begun to rewrite the story of Jumanji. The children have recapped relative clauses, speech dialogue, and adverbials of time. The children are working hard to include description and accuracy of punctuation.

In science the children have been learning the difference between pure materials and mixtures. Many practical experiments have taken place including mixing oil and water, which the children found fascinating, seeing the oil sit on top of the water..

In design and technology, the children are discovering the way cogs, gears and pulleys work. They created gears out of cardboard and used corrugated card, paper clips, and modelling clay for teeth. They then evaluated which was the most effective. They will next discover how pulleys work and use their gear system to create an effective mechanism. Our aim to making a fully working drawbridges, so watch this space!

## COMING UP

20th March: Comic Relief Day  
27th March: PTA Easter trail after school  
2nd April: Easter Services at Loose Church

## REMINDERS

- Please ensure contact books are in school every day.
- Also, PE kits need to be in school on all PE days.
- Keep reading at home to move up the reading display!
- 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       |