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## Newsletter 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've got so much to share with you regarding all the learning that's been going on in January. Despite the grotty January weather, there's been so much going on in the last three weeks in terms of driving forward pupils' capabilities, personal development opportunities and fun events.

### Reading Miles Challenge

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported their children doing the Reading Miles Challenge over the holidays. We had eighty-two children who completed the challenge. They have received a certificate and a small prize this week. The children were of all ages and with different current reading attainment which was pleasing to see. Reading fluency only comes with regular reading practice and that is the main prize of course in all of this as it unlocks doors for future learning and makes reading less pain-staking and more fun. Thank you to all parents who are working with us to help Loxley's children progress in reading whether you managed to fit in the reading miles challenge or not – it's much appreciated.



### Year 5 Space Centre Visit

Our Year 5s loved their visit last week to the National Space Centre which links with their Science topic this term. They particularly enjoyed the planetarium and climbing into the rocket. When I spoke to the class, they were buzzing with information they have learnt such as "Did you know the same object can be heavier on one planet than another?" or "Did you know they've now discovered that Jupiter has 95 moons?"





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## Conisborough Castle

The Hazels - our Year 1s - had a great day at Conisborough Castle yesterday as part of their History topic on castles. Many thanks to Mrs Quinn, Mrs Brookes and to all the volunteer helpers! When I talked to the class after the visit, they were particularly interested in how medieval people defended their castle and remembered a lot of vocabulary such as drawbridge, moat, arrowslit, windows etc.



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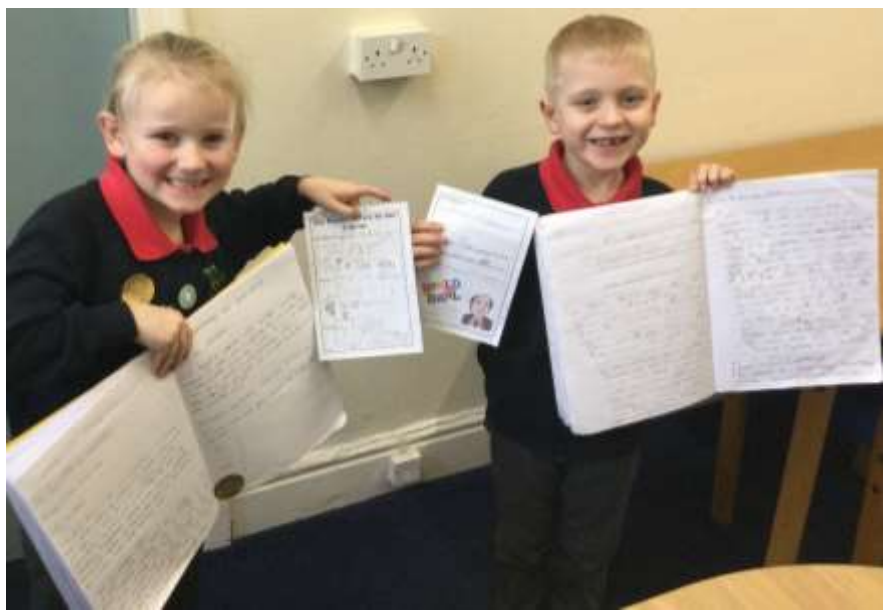
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## Focus on Writing

It has been so pleasing to see the progress and enthusiasm the children at Loxley are showing in their writing. The standards and care are so high. I thought I'd share some examples with you from Y2, Y3 and Y5. The Y5 learning is related to what they could remember about how a lighthouse was described from their book study.



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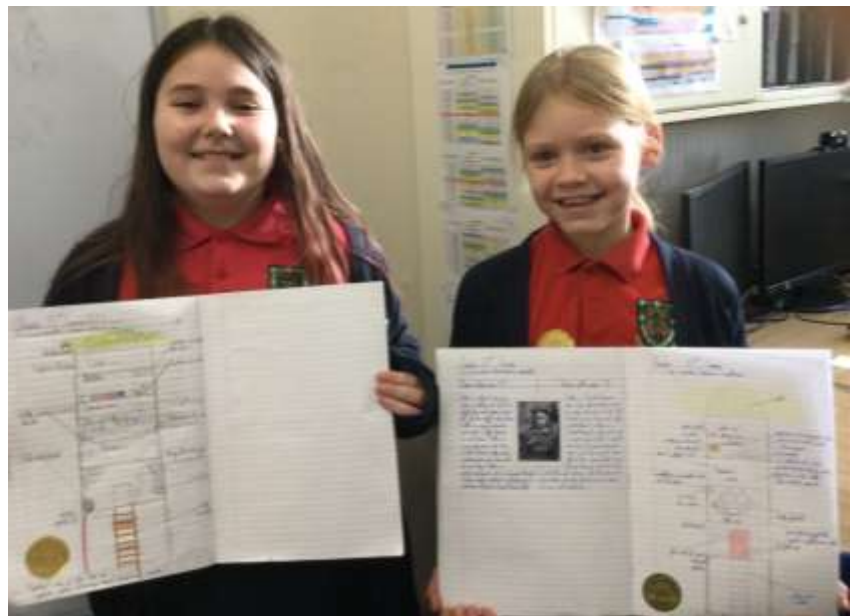
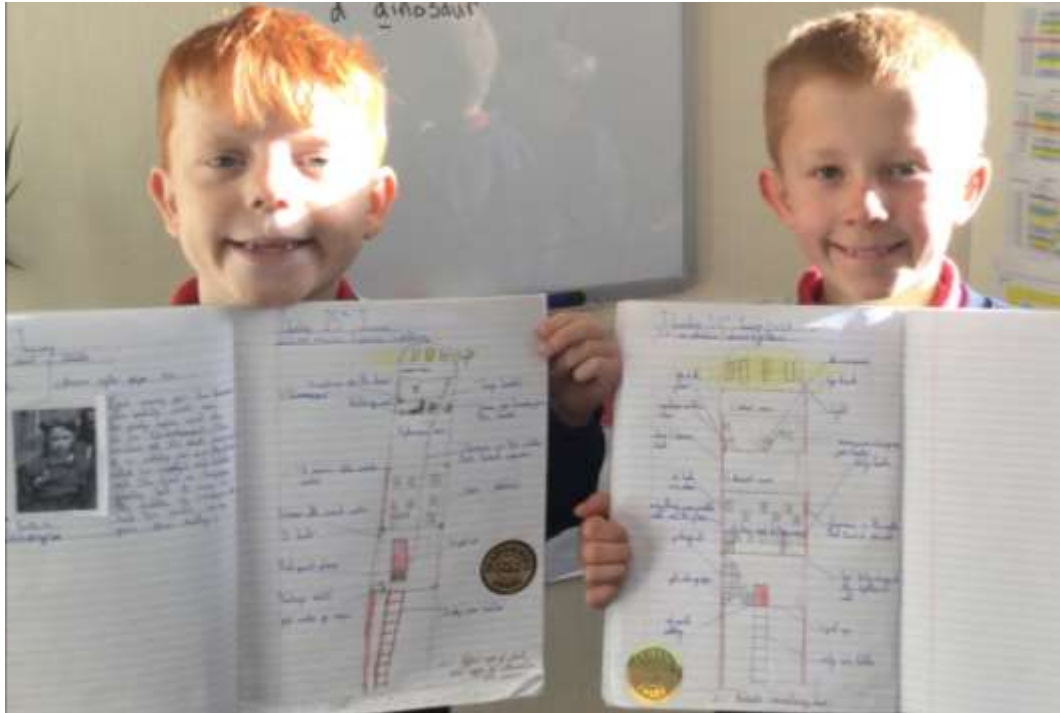
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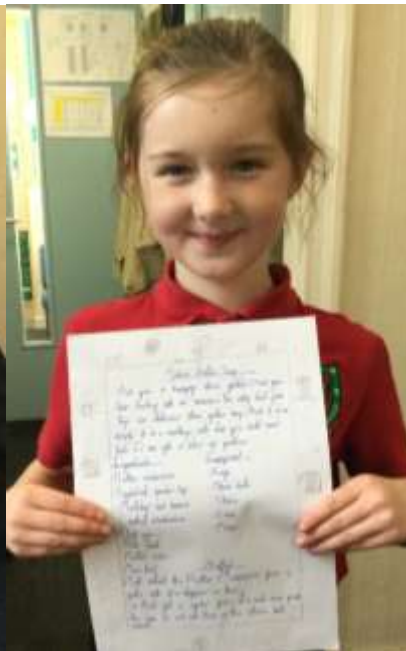
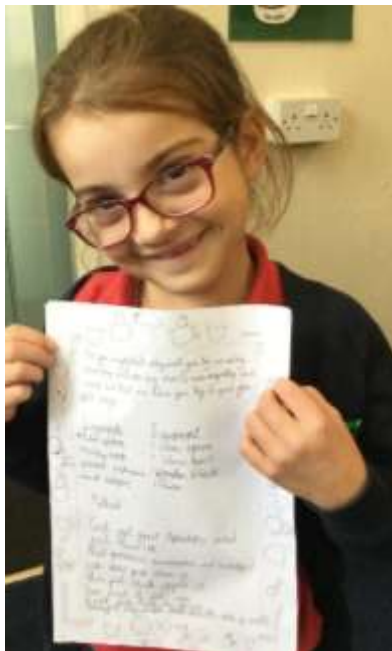
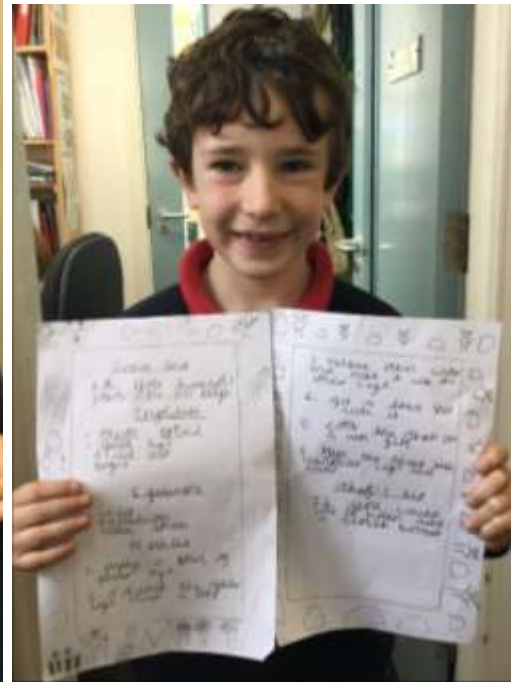
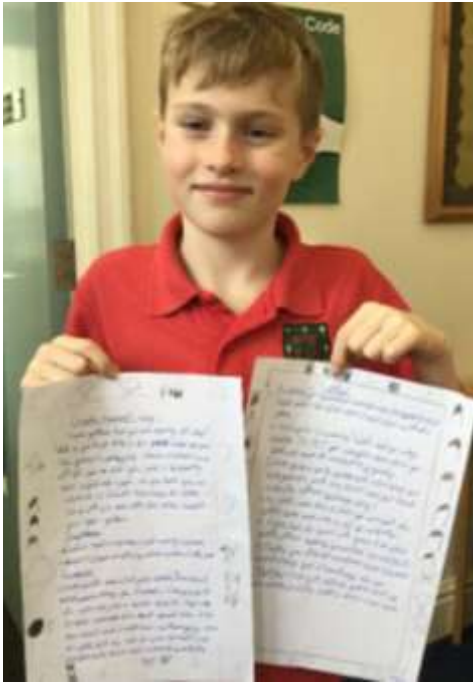


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## Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

As part of our Personal, Social and Health Education scheme of learning, our Year 6 class go to their Crucial Crew visit which is partly run by staff from the emergency services. The trip is designed to build on learning done in school to prepare children for the big step up in independence when they move to secondary school – yes – it's only a matter of months away now! The main focus is to help children avoid the risks that teenagers face in 2024 and how to cope with negative peer pressure. Staff during the visit commented on the exceptional behaviour of Loxley pupils.



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## Sporting Successes

On Saturday, our Y4/Y5 netball team competed brilliantly at the Sheffield competition at the Girls' High School. There were some very strong teams there and they did so well to come 5<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams. Many thanks go to Mr Nuttall and Miss Village for giving up part of their weekend to manage the team. There was excellent support from parents too.

Last week our Y3/Y4 basketball team performed very well at the local basketball Hotshots final. Thank you to Mrs Helliwell and Mr Fenn for going to the event and to Mr Nuttall for all his training beforehand. The children's behavior was exceptional and one of our two teams won the competition. They now progress to the City Finals!

*Photo below of the training session with Mr Nuttall and the Y6 class.*



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## Grounds Improvements

You might have noticed some ground improvements around school. Thank you very much for your patience whilst the works have been carried out. We've extended and refreshed the reception outdoor area and created a new path around it to make access from the front of the school to the playground easier for pupils and parents. We've also upgraded the path from the school leading to Robin Wood too. Many thanks to the LSFA for part funding this project which has made a big difference.

We are also waiting to hear whether a Condition Improvement Bid we have put in to improve the Horsa Hut (building where the nursery is situated) has been successful.



## Year 5 World War Two Enrichment Project

Thank you to the parents of our Silver Birch class for all the fantastic enrichment models, writing and artefacts they have worked on with their children at home. Almost every child has now brought something in and there's great interest and knowledge about life in the UK during World War Two.

Kind regards

James Connolly

