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Dear Parents/Carers.

Our Topic –Super Fantastical Beasts

This term, our topic is all about ‘fantastic’ things, and has a scientific theme. We will explore, observe, categorise and investigate animals and look at the scientific discoveries of Mary Anning. Our topic will also explore the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum (PSHCE), in which children learn about themselves, other people, responsibilities and relationships. We will be finding out about how to be a friendship hero, how to care for ourselves and the new reception children.

Reading at Home

We will continue to encourage and celebrate regular reading with reading certificates awarded in celebration assemblies for the number of times the children have read. Please help us to monitor this by numbering each reading entry in your child’s reading record, one number per day (rather than one each time they read). **It is important that your child’s reading books and Reading Diary are in their book bag every day as we like to take every opportunity to read with them!**

Homework

We will be learning to spell the Year 1 common exception words and practising these daily through a range of activities and as part of our phonics scheme. We will be sending home a copy of the Year 1 words, and a list of ideas to help you practise these with your child. We will continue to practise our fine motor skills in school daily using Letterjoin but you can also access this website from home if you feel it may benefit your child: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**.

This year your child will also have access to the [TTRS website](#) where they can play games to develop their times tables recall and fluency. This year we will focus on 10x, 2x and 5x tables. We will use TTRS in school as part of our Maths learning but you can also access this website from home if you feel it may benefit your child. Letters with individual usernames and passwords will be sent out following the Newsletter.

Half-Term Challenge: 10 Things to Do Before You’re 7!

Each half-term we encourage your child to take part in an activity at home. Please help your child to record this by **taking photos or videos, drawing pictures, or writing** about their experiences. Any evidence on Tapestry Journal can be shared and celebrated in class.

This half-term’s home challenge is to complete a new outdoor activity. This could be anything that your child has not done before but must be outside. Here are just a few suggestions:

- Roll down a grassy bank
- Paddle in a stream
- Learn to ride a bike
- Make perfume from flower petals
- Make a picture outside using natural resources (stones, leaves, etc.)
- Climb a tree
- Make a sandcastle



- Make a den in the garden
- Fly a kite
- Collect ten different leaves

Volunteers:

If you would like to help in any way within the classroom, please come and see us to discuss this further. We would love to see more of you, especially to support reading, even if you cannot commit to a weekly slot!

Things to remember:

- PE is on **Monday and Friday**. Your child should have their **full Lyminster PE kit** (Lyminster top, red shorts and trainers) **in school for the whole half term**. We are more than happy for children to wear joggers and sweatshirts as it can get cold now out on the playground. Hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed or covered.
 - A reminder that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails on a regular basis. For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies.
 - Please ensure your child has their, labelled, jumper or cardigan and a waterproof coat with them as we are actively encouraging outside play whatever the weather. Some class time may also be spent outside when the weather is fine.
 - It is **essential** they have their own, labelled, water bottle in school every day.

Dates for the diary:

- Tuesday 19th September – TTRS day
- Friday 22nd September – Mufti for Jeans for Genes day
- Wednesday 4th October – Harvest Assembly
- Thursday 12th October – Trip to Arundel WWT
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th October – Anti-bullying / Personal Development week
- Wednesday 18th October – Sports Day
- Monday 23rd October – Half term break

Communication

Please check the Year 1 whiteboard next to the outside door of the Year 1 classroom when picking your child up from school. We will use this to remind you of any upcoming events and to pass on any other general information, in addition to the usual texts and emails. Please remember to let the office know if any of your telephone or email details have changed. As always, we operate an open-door policy, so please speak to a member of the Year 1 team if you have any individual concerns or questions. We are also happy to make an appointment to chat over the phone if you are unable to come to school.

We look forward to lots of fun, adventure and discovery this half term!

Kind regards,

Miss Smith, Mrs Terrill, Miss Block
Year One Team