



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another year at Lyminster! The children have already started to settle well in to the new routines of Year Two, and I've really enjoyed getting to know them over the last week. Below is some information about the up-coming half term, and a few other important pieces of useful information.

## Our Topic: Lyminster Dragons

Our topic this half term is all about the history behind the names of our Dragon Houses. We will be reading lots of dragon stories and poems as well as linking our work to local history and geography.

This is a great opportunity for the children to learn more about local history and for them to find out more about the history of our school. We will be learning about the story of the Knucker Dragon first and how this local legend is remembered.

## Dates for the diary:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Trip to Lyminster Church and the Knucker Hole.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – TTRS day
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Mufti for Jeans for Genes day
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assembly
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Anti-bullying / Personal Development week
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Sports Day
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Half term break

## Reading at Home

Reading is a vital part of the children's education and it is expected that they read at least three times a week, whether that is to an adult or by themselves. Reading certificates will be awarded in celebration assemblies for the number of times the children have read and to monitor this the children or adults will need to record this in their reading record, numbering each entry: **50 entries – bronze reading award**, **100 entries – silver reading award**, **150 entries – gold reading award**. Reading records will need to be in the children's book bags every day for adults in school to record one to one reading.

Our reading comprehension focus this half term is **retrieving information** directly from the text and it would be brilliant if you could support your children with this skill at home. When listening to your child reading, please encourage them to use the correct expression and tone for the text.

## Homework

### Spellings and Mental Magicians (times tables)

Spellings and mental maths activities need to be completed every day at home. **Books will be checked weekly** by the children and dragon points will be awarded to those who do this. Children will be tested every week and new homework will also be given out on Friday. If the children do not get all of their mental maths questions right, then they will remain on that same skill until they do so.



- Spellings – children will practise their spellings every night using the **look, say, cover, write, check** technique. Children will receive the same spellings for two weeks to promote depth. In the second week, children can challenge themselves to write their spelling words in sentences. These will be in their homework books.
- Mental Magicians (times tables) – the children will have a weekly test of ten questions in two minutes.

Handwriting and presentation is extremely important in Year 2 and children are reminded of that. With this in mind, please remember you and your child have free access to our handwriting website if you feel it may benefit your child: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**.

### **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.

And finally, please remember that your role in your child's education is crucial. If you would like more information, or would like to become more involved in school (e.g. as a reader or as a helper on a school trip), or if you have any artefacts or resources to offer the school, it is always greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Jobbings and Miss L Washington  
Year 2 teachers