



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception and your first topic newsletter! Our Early Years ethos is to offer a creative and balanced curriculum which is based on the children's own interests. In Early Years we value and highly encourage your child to learn independently as this helps to build up their confidence and belief to succeed. We look forward to developing your child's love of learning!

## **Our Topic – What's your Superpower?**

The children have settled really quickly and are very happy in their new environment. To ensure we keep the children enthused in their learning we have many exciting adventures around the corner!

Our first topic is '**Superheroes and Superpowers...What's your Superpower?**' alongside Year one we will be finding out about our local superheroes, as well as exploring what our own superpowers are? We will be asking the children for their ideas, so that we can then plan activities based on the children's interests.

## **Dragon Colour Day**

Your child has been informed of which dragon colour group they are, your child will remain in this dragon group throughout their time in Lyminster Primary School. To support their understanding we will have a **dragon colour dress up day on Friday Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. If you have any concerns finding an item of clothing in the same colour as their dragon house your child could wear a sash/item in their hair, anything with their house colour. We can help so please ask if you have any questions at all. We are not expecting you to buy new clothes for just one day. Your child could even wear their P.E. top!

## **Dress up Day as a Superhero!**

As part of our learning we will be turning our classroom into a superhero training school and we would like the children to come dressed as their favourite superhero on ...**Friday 29th September**.

## **Reading in School**

Very soon, once your child has learnt a few sounds from the reading scheme (RWI) your child will be reading within a small group, these books will be chosen by the teacher and it will be matched to your child's reading ability. **We will send the same books home for you to read with your child.**

Your child will also be choosing **two books from the classroom library** (such as Biff, Chip and Kipper books) as well as **one book from the main school library to take home.**

Therefore very soon each week your child will be taking home four books from school to read at home with you. **Please can you read these books with your child as regularly as you can, as this will support your child to learn to read.** We will change these books on a weekly basis.

**IMPORTANT-Please can you ensure the books are kept in your child's book bag each day.**



Please can you ensure you record a comment in the reading book/record, **one comment 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 everyday as we like to take every opportunity to read! Thank you.**

### **I Can Books**

Your child will be bringing home a blank book called 'I Can'. This book is for you to encourage your child to complete activities from the topic web and record them at home. They can also practise mark making, writing numbers, or drawing pictures linked to our topic. We encourage your child to share this book with the class when asked to by the teacher.

### **Outside Classroom**

As the weather is changeable it would be great if you could provide your child with a **named** coat each day. Please can **all items brought into school be clearly labelled! This is especially important for book bags and water bottles.** Thank you.

### **Volunteers**

When it is safe to have volunteers back into school we warmly welcome your support in the classroom, so if you are able to come in please come and see us first and then we can let the office staff know so they can discuss the Volunteer procedure with you.

If you have any questions, ideas or wish to share news about your child **please call, email or come and see us at the end of the day as good communication is the key to your child having the best learning experience at home and in school.**

Kind regards,

Julie Galvin and the Early Years Team.