



Lyminster Primary School

Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Our Topic – Let Us Entertain You?

This term, our topic all about 'Old Toys' will have a history focus. Year 1 will receive an undelivered mystery toy, discovered by one of Santa's little elves. Mr Elf will set the problem and cause havoc in the year 1 classroom throughout the half term. Children will develop their inquiry skills by asking questions, and drawing on facts about the past to help them uncover the truth about the mystery toy. As part of topic, children will also design, plan and make a new toy for our class Toy shop. We look forward to some familiar faces taking on some new roles in this year's staff Pantomime!

Nativity

The children will be learning some Christmas songs and rehearsing our KS1 Nativity 'Lights, Camel Action!' The children will perform the Nativity alongside Reception and Year 2. Details on parts and costumes will be sent out shortly but as always if you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Reading at Home

In order to encourage children to read daily, we would like to remind the class about our **Reading Challenge**. There are lots of children who are nearing the **50** home reads and will soon receive their Bronze certificate in assembly! Please continue to support your child with daily reading at home and 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). Children in Year 1 should be coming home with 2 x RWI phonics books, a colour banded book every week. If you find this not to be the case please speak to the class teacher so we can resolve this. **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!**

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

A reminder we would really like to see your child take part in our Bucket list challenge. Please help your child to record this by **taking photos, drawing pictures, or writing** about their experiences and posting them on Tapestry. Any evidence sent in will be shared and celebrated within the classroom.

This half term we are focussing on learning a new skill. This could be anything that your child learns to do as part of a club or individually. Here are just a few suggestions:

- Ride a bike
- Swim 5 metres
- Do a handstand or cartwheel
- Earn a badge at a club .i.e. Rainbows/Scouts
- Tie their shoelaces
- Whistle
- Play an instrument





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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!

P.E Kits

Please ensure that your child has a named P.E kit in school every day as we will be doing P.E twice a week on a Monday and Friday. Although, we do have spare kits in school for the odd occasions when kits are unavailable. We are encouraging our Year 1 children to develop their independent skills and part of this is looking after their own P.E kits (including jumpers and coats) and putting things away where they belong.

Outside Classroom

As the weather is unpredictable at this time of year it would be great if we could have your child's wellies in school so we can continue to use the outside area as part of our daily learning. We will always try to get outside whatever the weather, so please can you also ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school otherwise they may not be able to go out with their peers. Please remember that although we always encourage the children to wear aprons, your child will encounter many messy activities throughout the day so please do not send them to school in coats that are considered expensive, or their best clothes.

Important Dates for your Diary

- **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November: Parents' Evenings**
- **Wednesday 6th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity (more details to follow)**
- **Friday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Tuesday 12th December: KS2 Carol Concert.**
- **Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Fayre**
- **Friday 15th December: Last day of term**

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.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Smith, Mrs Terrill, Miss Block
Year One Team

