



Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a magical Christmas. Thank you so much our lovely cards and presents!

Our Topic : Around the World – Into Africa

This term, we will be travelling across the world, learning about our class country: Kenya, in Africa. We will find out about the geography, culture, and traditions of Kenya. We will immerse ourselves in Kenyan-inspired music, stories, and art. We will discover the diverse culture of African, drawing comparisons by asking what would it be like to live in this part of the world. Much of our writing this half-term will be stimulated by photographs and stories about this amazing country. Our Design Technology will focus on traditional Kenyan foods using ingredients and fresh produce typical of our class country, culminating in us recreating a Kenyan recipe to compete against the other year groups at the Lyminster Restaurant Wars.

Reading at Home

Your child is continuing to develop a wide range of reading skills and should now be confidently blending sounds to read more complex words, including digraphs (two letters making one sound), as well as recognising many words by sight. Please continue to provide your support by **reading daily** at home. We also 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!**

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, drawing pictures, or writing about their experiences. Any evidence sent in will be shared and celebrated and will be displayed within the classroom. We would love to share more of their work this term!

Spring's home challenge is to work as part of a team. This could be anything that your child does with other family members. Here are just a few suggestions:

- Go on a bear hunt
- Have a snail race
- Share a dance or gym routine





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- Invent and play a board/card game together
- Play a game of football
- Prepare and enjoy a meal together
- Document a fun family day out

Named Clothing

Please ensure that all clothing is regularly checked to ensure that items are clearly labelled (including P.E kit, book bags and water bottles) and are the correct size. During periods of colder weather, please also provide your child with a named hat and gloves. Please ensure that your child brings a named coat to school every day as we will go outside daily, regardless of the weather!

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 Tapestry and the usual texts and emails from the school office. 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.

Dates for the Diary

- INSET DAY Tuesday 2nd January
- **Wednesday 3rd January – Children back to school**
- Friday 19th January – Careers Day
- Tuesday 6th February – Restaurant Wars celebration 2.30pm
- Friday 9th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February – last day of half term

As always, we look forward to lots of fun, adventure and discovery this half term!

Kind regards,

Miss Smith, Mrs Terrill and Miss Block
Year One Team

