



Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn 2! The children have already started to settle well into the new routines of Year Three, and I've really enjoyed getting to know them over the last half term. Below is some information about the upcoming half term, and a few other important pieces of useful information.

Our Topic: Rainforest Rangers

To begin the year, the children will be studying the rainforests around the world; looking at the animals that live in rainforest specific habitats and exploring where these biomes are positioned around the world. This will be kicked off with our Marwell trip on 9th November. The children will be having a tour of the Tropical House, including a workshop with a member of the zoo team. They will also have plenty of time to enjoy the zoo and the animals, learning about the range of habitats and the locations around the world that the animals would live in the wild.

Alongside Geography, the children will be learning about all living things in Science and writing their own non-chronological reports about an animal of their choice. Please see the topic web to read about other ways that the topic is linked to our learning.

Key Diary Dates:

- **Monday 30th October** - Parents Evening bookings open. Book online. Please go into or contact the office if you have any issues
- **Thursday 9th November** – Marwell Trip – please see previous communications
- **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November** – Parents evening (more details regarding booking to follow)
- **Friday 8th December** – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
- **Tuesday 12th December, 2pm & 6.30pm** - KS2 Carol Concert – dates and detail to be confirmed
- **Friday 15th December** – Last day of term
- **Wednesday 3rd January** – Back to school

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**, **200 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, however, they must be handed in **every Thursday**.

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)





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Spellings and mental maths activities need to be completed every day at home. **Books will be checked every Thursday.** Children will be tested every Thursday 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 will be differentiated to meet the needs of each child.

- 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 one minute, every Wednesday. They will be given a specific times table to learn and practice at home and be set this on Times Tables Rockstars. **It is imperative that your child practises their times tables daily.**
- Maths homework will be set each week, and the children will be completing pages in their **White Rose Maths Practice Journal.**

Handwriting and presentation is extremely important in Year 3 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 **Tuesday and Thursday**. Your child should have their **full Lyminster PE kit in school for the whole half term**. Children with long hair need this tied back and earrings either removed before school or tape provided.
- 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 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,

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Year 3 Class Teacher

