



# Lyminster Primary School

## Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I promise not to mention Christmas (as far as possible)!

We had a good start to our time in Year 4. The children settled quickly and have proved to be the bright, enthusiastic and fun crowd we knew they would be. It's going to be another busy term and before you know it, it will be Christmas. (Apologies. The Christmas-avoidance wasn't very successful.)

### Topic: Making a change

This half term we will be looking at the power we have as a class to our local environment and our world in a wider sense. We will be looking at issues, from social to environmental, and discussing what and how we can make a difference. Questions such as "Why is that important?" and "Why should we care?" will be discussed as well as our roles as "global citizens" as well as agents for change in our locality. Hopefully we will be going out into the community to do something that would make our area better – be that a beach clean or litter pick. Details will come closer to the time. In advance of this we will be designing and making a litter-picking device in DT.

### P.E.

Swimming has been going well so far this term and the children are definitely in the swing of things now. It has been great to see the progress the children have been making – whether that is the less confident gaining the self-belief to try more, or the more able perfecting their stroke technique.

Alongside swimming, we will be doing gymnastics in the hall this half term. The children will be learning some of the positions and moves, which will help with their overall coordination, balance, flexibility and strength.

### Key dates for this half term:

- **Monday 30th October** - Parents Evening bookings open. Book online. Please go into or contact the office if you have any issues.
- **Wednesday 15th November** Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 16th November** Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 6th December** Early Years and KS1 Nativity
- **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

### Things to remember:





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- Your child will have **P.E. on Mondays and Wednesdays (swimming)**. Children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor P.E.
- We are clinging on to some reasonable weather, but we are barrelling towards winter. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with them every day.
- Your child can bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) to eat at break time. In the past, some children have brought in cakes and crisps, which are not allowed as we promote healthy eating, as a school.

### Homework reminder:

- Children are asked to read at least 5 times a week. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books both fiction and non-fiction. This will improve their vocabulary and their writing tremendously. This half-term we will focus on an author's use of language and choice of words, and how we might describe a character or setting based on what we have read. When you read with your child at home, please check their understanding of new or tricky words to help broaden their vocabulary.
- Mental magicians will be tested every week. Please ensure your child is learning these at home by regularly accessing **TT Rockstars**.
- Maths homework will be set each week, and the children will be completing pages in their **White Rose Maths Practice Journal**.
- **Children will be given homework on Thursday and it will be due in on Tuesday.** This will comprise of reading comprehension/grammar activities or maths questions. Please support your child with their home learning. I will be running a Homework Club in class every Friday for anyone who may need support with their homework and for those who have failed to complete it on time.

**If your child has lost their TTRS username and password, please let us know and I will give them it again.**

Year 4 will continue to come into school from **8:40 am every day except Friday, when they should arrive at 8.50 am.** We start with times tables work/handwriting from the very start of the day, so it is important that your child arrives ready for an 8:40 am start.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do come and see me or email in.

Kindest regards,

Mr P Harrison  
Year 4 Teacher

