



# Lyminster Primary School

## Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe a whole half term has been and gone already! On the whole, the children have settled well into Upper Phase. We are continuing to work hard on the skills of concentration, independence and having a growth mind-set plus a real focus on team work and being kind to others, particularly at break times.

A reminder that the Year 5 staff are:

Ms Woods - Class teacher Monday to Thursday

Mrs Terrill - Class teacher Friday

Mrs Yunteva - Teaching Assistant Full time

Mrs Shah - Teaching Assistant in for most of the mornings and some afternoon interventions

We have a student teacher who has joined us – Miss Vonk. I am sure you will join in making her feel welcome. She is a first year PGCE student and so it will be a steep learning curve. Please be patient and understanding.

### Thank you!

For all your support with homework. Most children are now returning their books on time (I just cannot mark any late books due to other commitments on Wednesdays) and some of their work in them are fantastic. It is also lovely to hear about the reading the children are doing. You may use this book as a communication tool if you wish but bear in mind, I only check them on Tuesdays.

### Topic – The Vikings

This half-term, we will be learning all about these invaders. This follows on beautifully from the Anglo-Saxon topic (which followed on nicely from the Romans in Year 4!) This all gives the children a better sense of chronology to know who came after who on a history timeline. We will be doing reading and writing linked to this topic. Please feel free to enhance this by learning with them at home or allowing them to do their own research, watch videos etc. It is an exciting time in history! We will have a Viking Day...to be confirmed.

### Key Information and Polite Reminders:

**School mornings:** Year 5 will still be coming straight into class for a **8.40am prompt start**. The exception to this will still be **Fridays** when all staff have a business meeting. Children should then wait by the classroom door and they will be let in at 8.50am. The children have settled to this routine very well, coming into class calmly and working on practising key skills and completing other activities.

#### **P.E. Kits**

**Please** would you ensure your child continues to wear PE kit in school every **Wednesday** (indoor PE) and **Thursday** (outdoor PE). As the winter weather approaches, children may need warmer PE kits- these should be black or grey jogging bottoms and their PE hoodie. Children with earrings really **need them taken out on the day of P.E.** There are a large number who still need to tape up their ears (using school tape) which just adds to wasting valuable PE time and can cause a fuss. Most of these children have had their earrings in now for a long time so a school day





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shouldn't really make a difference and is so much safer and easier for them. Please let us know if there is an issue with this but we would be grateful for the support.

### Reading and homework:

**Our reading focus this half term is:** 'Understanding' Checking that a text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context. When you read with your child, focus on any unknown words and how they might try to guess their meaning through what the text says around that word.

**Homework** remains the same: Reading at least 3 times per week with an adult, practising spellings given or particular ones for your child, Mental Magicians. Homework is always explained on a sheet that is **stuck in the homework books**. If your child doesn't have their book, they are told to write their name on it and put it in their bag.

**Handwriting** We will still continue to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. With this in mind please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join. Please encourage your child to use the **same standard of presentation in their homework as they do in class**. Writing should be in a black or blue pen. Drawing in pencil. Many thanks with your support in this.

Maths homework will be set each week, and the children will be completing pages in their **White Rose Maths Practice Journal**.

### Key Diary Dates:

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

Other dates to be confirmed such as any other Christmas arrangements. Also, please see Mr McGinley's weekly email with any events and dates on.

As ever, thank you for all your support. Finally, please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns. You are always welcome to email the office or [cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk) and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5 team

