



# Lyminster Primary School

## Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to another new half-term. Let's hope this one is slightly warmer and children can spend even more time learning outside!

### **Our Topic – Into the Book**

This term, we will be focussing on our class author, Oliver Jeffers, and sharing many of his wonderful books. He is a fabulous children's author and has written a wide range of engaging stories with beautiful illustrations, including How to Catch a Star; The Incredible Book-Eating Boy; The Way Back Home; Lost and Found and many more. It would be great if you could share some of these stories with your child over the next few weeks. Our topic will also have a science focus and the children will discover the wonders of outer space and take part in lots of practical investigative science. As part of our studies we will be visiting Drusilla's Zoo and taking part in a penguin workshop.

### **Diary Dates:**

- Spring 2 half term begins Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Mid Year celebration of learning
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Trip to Drusillas – More information to follow
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Children's reports home
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Breakfast
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term

### **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). **Your child's reading books and Reading Diary must be in their book bag every day as we like to take every opportunity to read!** If you require a new Reading Diary for any reason please just speak to a member of the Year 1 team and we will happily provide you with another one.

### **Homework**





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We would love to see your child's home learning. You can share these on Tapestry or send them in and we will celebrate them with the class. There are some suggestions, on the topic web, of projects you can do with your child linked to our topic, should you wish to!

As the Year 1 Phonics Screening is fast approaching, we will be sending home real and alien (nonsense) words for your child to practice reading with you. More information on the phonics Screening and how to support your child at home will be given at the Phonics Screening information evening. A date for this will be confirmed with sent out via text message to all the Year 1 parents.

### **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. Please ensure that your child brings a named coat to school every day as we will go outside daily, regardless of the weather! Also, please check that your child has named jogging bottoms for outdoor PE. We have had several school jumpers, cardigans and P.E clothes including trainers go missing over the last term so, we would like to ask all parents to check at home just in case other children's belongings have come home accidentally in backpacks or P.E bags.

### **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 if you are unable to come to school.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Smith, Mrs Terrill, Miss Block and Mr Amoza  
Year One Team

