



# Lyminster Primary School

## Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parent/Carers,

### Our Topic 'Underwater Discoveries!'

After some fantastic learning inspired by books from our class author 'Oliver Jeffers, and our trip to Drusilla's Zoo, we will now turn our attention to the ocean and mysteries from the deep. We will be reading lots of stories and poems about the sea, sea creatures, pirates, shipwrecks, and lost treasure. Our key text will be '**The Night Pirates**' and '**The Mermaid**' and we will follow a Talk-for-writing approach to learn, recite, and rewrite these stories from memory. We will also be making posters to promote taking care of the environment.

### Reading

Thank you for all the amazing reading that is happening at home, it really does have a big impact on your child's reading fluency. Please continue to **encourage your child to read and share books daily**. This involves encouraging your child to use their sound knowledge to help them read unfamiliar words and discuss the text and make inferences about events in the story or about the emotions and motives of the characters. We will continue to change the phonics books and ORT books weekly. Please remember to record your comments in the Reading Diary daily. **Please help us by ensuring that all books and the reading diary are in the book bag every day to help us when we read with groups.**

### Phonics Screening and Alien Words

The Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place in June. For this assessment, children must read a range of words containing the phonemes and graphemes taught in phonics. Many of the words are made up, these are called 'alien words' and they will be accompanied by a picture of a silly alien. Real words will not have a picture next to them. Children are encouraged to read the words by isolating the individual sounds and blending them to read the word. Your child should already be familiar with this process as part of their phonics learning. Words and activities will be sent home so, please help your child to practice reading them and spotting the sounds in the words. If children are making mistakes or struggling to isolate the individual sounds, we encourage them to dot and dash the sounds with a pen before sounding them out and blending to read the whole word. If you would like more words or activities, please see the class teacher.

### Key Dates and Things to Remember

- 15<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer term
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – bank holiday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Parents evenings





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- 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of half term
- **P.E. Kits**

Full P.E. kits are needed in school every **Monday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that children have appropriate school P.E. kit for all weather types. Please could you ensure that all clothing is regularly checked to ensure that all items are clearly labelled and are the correct size. Also please ensure they are only wearing laced shoes if they are able to do up the laces themselves, **hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed.**

Kind regards

Crystal Smith, Gemma Terrill and the Year 1 Team!

