



Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to a new term, a new topic and hopefully better weather!

Our New Topic – Heroes

This topic allows us to discover people who have been significant through time. Amongst other things our topic will cover Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and the impact they had in the Crimean War. We will also be learning about Anita Roddick. A significant person locally, thinking about the challenges facing someone who was pioneering social change.

Key Dates and Things to Remember

- 15th April – First day of Summer term
- 6th May – Bank Holiday
- 22nd and 23rd May – Parents evenings
- 24th 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.**

Reading at Home

Please continue to provide your support by reading regularly at home. **Some children report that they have not been reading at home at all.** We appreciate how busy you all are but cannot emphasise enough how valuable this is to your child's learning.

Our **reading-at-home focus** this half term will be answering and asking questions, predicting what might happen next on the basis of what has been read so far and making inferences from the text. It would be really helpful if you could support your child by helping them to do this as well as correcting any mistakes they may make when reading aloud. Please continue to ask questions during home reading and read aloud more difficult texts to your child, discussing the meaning of any new vocabulary. In class, we will ensure your child is read with weekly and banded books are changed by your child as often as needed.

Homework

Children will be tested on their spellings and mental maths every Thursday or 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 – your child will be given spelling lists to practise using the **look, say, cover, write, check** technique. In addition to our weekly spelling focus, some lists will also include a few Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words. They will have new words every 2 weeks and will be tested on these weekly.





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Mental Magicians – well done to the children who have already earned some of their mental maths wristbands! The children's hard work and super attitude to learning is really paying off. We ask that your child continues to practise their Mental Magician objective, we write their new objective in their homework books when they pass their current objective.

Children should also be playing on TTRS every week. It is a great tool to support their learning. In Year 4 they will have the multiplication check test. Learning these gradually before that will ensure minimal pressure on the children.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning this half term and we welcome you to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jobbings and Miss Washington
Year Two Class Team

