



Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to the final term in Year 3! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and that the children are rested and ready to learn again. Below is some information about the coming half term, and a few other important pieces of useful information plus some additional reminders.

Our Topic: Ancient Egypt 'Tomraiders'

For our Summer 1 half term, the children will be delving into the past and investigating whether the Egyptians really were so awful and about the lives of different Ancient Egyptians. The children will be using and analysing a range of historical sources, to piece together this fascinating period in time. As part of the topic and to engage the children further, we will be having an Egyptian Day – a day filled with various activities to immerse the children and bring out their creative sides! Children are invited to dress up- this doesn't have to be complicated or cost money. A simple sheet wrapped around the body with a belt might make them an ancient Egyptian or a shirt with shorts and they could be an Egyptologist! We only ask that children do not come in just home clothes, football kits etc- there must be some link to Egypt. Alternatively, if your child does not wish to dress up, they are welcome to wear their school uniform as usual.

Important dates

- Monday 15th April – Term starts
- Monday 22nd April – Egyptian Day, children invited to dress up
- Monday 6th May – Early May Bank Holiday, School closed
- Monday 13th May – 6:00pm, Relationship and Sex Education information evening for parents, children should not attend
- Wednesday 22nd May – Parents evening, 3:30pm – 7:00pm
- Thursday 23rd May – Parents evening, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Friday 24th May – Term ends
- Monday 3rd June – Start of Summer 2

Things to Remember

- Full P.E. kit needs to be in school every TUESDAY and THURSDAY. Please ensure everything is named and that earrings are taken out or ear tape supplied to cover them up. We still have several children with no PE kit every week. We do not have sufficient spare uniform to equip every child, and their school clothes are not suitable for P.E lessons.
- Register closes at 8.55am sharp. We have an number of regular late comers – this disrupts the class and means your child misses out on valuable learning time. Even if they are 5 to 10 minutes late, this amounts to a large amount of lost learning over a sustained period of time.
- Homework club runs every Monday lunchtime. Every child is welcome to come along for support with their work. If your child does not hand in their homework by Friday, or it is incomplete, they are required to attend homework club the following Monday.





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Reading at Home

Reading is a vital part of the children's education and it is expected that they read ideally every day, whether that is to an adult or by themselves. Reading certificates will be awarded in celebration assemblies for the number of times the children have read and to monitor this the children or adults will need to record this in their reading record, numbering each entry- 1 per day. **50 entries – bronze reading award**, 100 entries – silver reading award, **200 entries – gold reading award**. Reading records will need to be in the children's book bags every day for adults in school to record one to one reading.

Our reading comprehension focus this half term is **comprehension and thinking about the author's choice of words**. As you read, it is good to discuss the plot and characters with your child plus any new or unusual words the author may have chosen. E.g. 'She screwed her face up' Discussion point: Why did the author use the word 'screwed' and what does that tell us about how the character was feeling?

Homework

- Spellings – children should practise their spellings every night using the **look, say, cover, write, check** technique. Children will receive the same spellings for two weeks to promote depth. In the second week, children can challenge themselves to write their spelling words in sentences.
- White Rose Maths workbook – Your child will go home with 3 pages every week to complete. The first 2 must be **fully** completed and the third is a bonus challenge to win star ticks. If your child cannot remember the pages, they will be on the board in class.
- Mental Magicians (including times tables) Please practise for this. They are tested every Thursday and will be awarded their band if they are successful. After a fantastic few weeks, Year 3 have been overtaken in our number of bands each week so we need to work hard this half term to try and get back on top!
- TTRS Your child can continue to use this to support learning of times tables.

And finally, please remember that your role in your child's education is crucial. If you would like more information, or would like to become more involved in school (e.g. as a reader or as a helper), or if you have any artefacts, books you don't need any more or other resources to offer the school, it is always greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Miss E Johnston
Year 3 Teacher

