



Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back for our Spring 2 term and we hope your children managed a restful, enjoyable half term holiday.

And so, on to this new half term- we have another very busy one coming up so read on for all the information and dates.

Topic: Author Study, Michael Morpurgo

During this topic we will focus on two Michael Morpurgo books. Firstly, 'The Day I met a Whale' then 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. These will provoke lots of discussion. The children will be doing some of their writing work based on these, reading will be mainly focused on these texts. We will also learn a bit more about the author himself and the children will be encouraged to read other books of his. Any support with this would be welcome e.g. reading one at home with your child.

Sub-topic: Living Things- Animals and plants- life cycles and reproduction.

In this Science unit we will be learning all about different life cycles and comparing them. We will also learn about reproduction of plants. We hope the children will really enjoy the practical element planned so lessons are really engaging and fun. Amongst other things, we are hoping to plant some vegetables and do an experiment with spring onions. We are also hoping to watch for real the life cycle of a butterfly in our butterfly home and then be able to release them! Our Art will also be related to this topic. Our trip to Arundel Wetlands will also bring this topic to life and really enhance the learning of this area. We have found the experiences at this centre are high quality and enjoyable where the children not only learn so much but are out in nature and having fun. More details are in a separate email/letter.

Key Information and Polite Reminders:

School mornings: Year 5 will still be coming straight into class from **8.40am- the expectation is that they are in by 8.50 to register**. 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.

P.E. KITS

P.E lessons will be on WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. Children need to be in school P.E kits please. See the school website for information on what the school P.E kit should be- their Lyminster house colour t-shirt and hoodie, neutral coloured shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. **Earrings should be removed for P.E days please**. If forgotten or newly pierced then they can be taped.





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Reading and Homework:

Homework remains the same: Reading at least 3 times per week, ideally every night with an adult, practising spelling rules and words, Mental Magicians/TT Rockstars and pages in the Maths homework book to be completed and handed in/done by **TUESDAY**. 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. There have been still a large amount of children who are not completing their homework fully- as we are trying to prepare them for Year 6 and then High School, your support with homework is appreciated and we feel the children will benefit from getting used to some sort of a routine for completing short tasks at home.

Key Dates and Things to Remember

- **Monday 19th February** – Back to school
- **Wednesday 21st February** – Celebration of work/Open school for parents/carers to view child's work. School open until 5.30pm
- **Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day. The annual event- bring a book to share and dress up as a book character if your child wants to. The whole day's lessons will be focused on this event. More information to come
- **Thursday 22nd March** - Annual Reports to parents/carers
- **Thursday 28th March** - Easter Breakfast
- **Friday 29th March** - Last day of term, break up for the Easter holidays.
- **Monday 15th April** – Start of Summer term

Finally, please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns or email cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk or the office and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Ms Woods, Mrs Terrill, Mrs Yunteva and Mrs Shah
Year Five team

