



# Lyminster Primary School

## Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We have an exciting Summer term planned and below are some details regarding what we will be up to.

### Topic: Rivers

This will be the main focus for our work for this term. We will begin by recapping the Water Cycle and use this to link to rivers to introduce key words. We will be asking questions such as 'Where is this river? What is it like? How does it compare to other places?' We will make links to our local area and study the River Arun but also begin to compare our local river to others such as The Thames. We explore the meaning of keywords such as meander, tributaries and mouth before taking a class trip to the River Arun to see our Geography skills in action, looking at the physical features of the river and using our map skills to get there. We will take our first-person experiences from the trip back to class to help compare how the river has changed over time. We will also visit Arundel Wetlands and this will feed into this topic and our Science work too.

### Sub-topic: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

We will be creating our own river creatures as a focus for writing. Children will research river creatures and make notes on what they find out. This will then feed into children creating their own river creature, adding details such as habitat, diet and appearance to form their non-chronological report.

We will be using the text *The Explorer by Katherine Rundell* as our focus in English and most Reading sessions. We use the text to prompt discussions about the plot, characters and making inferences. We will be using the text as a base for children to plan, draft and edit their own adventure story based around a river.

### 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. Please ensure children stay on the playground until the bell goes, then they can walk round to their classroom doors.

#### **P.E. Kits**

P.E lessons will still be on WEDNESDAYS (outdoor) AND THURSDAYS (indoor). Earrings should be **removed** for P.E days please – there are currently very few children in our class who have had ears pierced recently. If forgotten or newly pierced, then they can be taped but **the children must have tape in their bags and do it themselves**. Long hair should be tied up.





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### Reading and Homework:

**Homework** remains the same: Reading at least 3 times per week with an adult (ideally every day!), practising spelling rules and words, Mental Magicians/TT Rockstars/Maths textbook work and another piece of homework 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 are a minority of children who are not completing their homework regularly/forgetting their books- 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. Thank you to the majority who have been hugely supportive with this- it is appreciated and your children will benefit. We do understand it can be hard and a battle so please always just do what your child can do and email in if you have worries or difficulties. The children will not be penalised if they haven't completed it all and they have shown they have had a go.

### Key Dates and Things to Remember

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April- Term starts
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Arundel Wetlands Trip (see separate email sent out before the Easter holidays)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday, school closed
- Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Evening booking opens
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Parents Evening 3.30 – 7pm
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May- End of term
- Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term break

Finally, please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns or email [cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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 Virgoe, Mrs Yunteva, Mrs Carty and Mrs Shah  
The Year Five team

