



# Lyminster Primary School

## Find Your Roar!

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Dear Parent/Carers,

### Our Topic - Underwater Discoveries

After fantastic learning about our class authors, we are now looking closely at creatures that live underwater. We will look closely at different species, and discuss their similarities and differences. We will also be reading lots of non-fiction books to find out about creatures that live in our seas, rivers and oceans. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary about our topic, as well as reading lots of poems to help us recognise rhyme and rhythm, and then we will be budding poets and we shall continue to write our own!

#### Home Learning

**To support your child's learning** please can you read and encourage your child to 'have a go' at some of the activities suggested on the topic web. Also please do read non-fiction and fiction books at home to immerse your child into this world of amazing new discoveries! **Please do give your child the opportunities to read a range of books to you as well, as this will inspire lots of talk, acting and ideas for their learning.** Thank you for all the super home learning that has been brought in to share. The children choose if they would like to take their learning home, or show it on display within the classroom. Each child has their own space to display their favourite pieces of work that they feel proud of, therefore making them feel that their achievements are validated.

#### Reading

Thank you for all the amazing reading that is happening at home, it really does have a big impact on the pace of which children learn to read. Please do **encourage your child to read daily**. This involves encouraging your child to use the pictures to help them read unfamiliar words and understand the story too. We will continue to **change 4 books on a weekly basis**. Please continue to read a range of books to keep your child's interest in reading. **Please remember to record your comments in the Reading Diary daily**. Each comment needs to be about how your child has understood or discussed the story and their attempts to read key words or sentences. **Please do remember to bring in your child's bookbag everyday as your child will need their reading books.**

#### Red/Green Words (RWI)

Thank you for encouraging your child to read the green/red words on a daily basis. We continue to see an improvement in the children's progress who do read regularly so please keep on reading these daily. To read green words we use our phonic knowledge to sound out and blend. Red words we read by sight only. Please also encourage your child to use the words within the correct context, for example 'sad,' 'The girl felt sad.' Please can you come and see us if you have any questions, we are here to support you.





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### Tapestry

We have had positive comments from parents regarding us sharing the children's weekly activities on Tapestry. We hope this is helping you to encourage your child to talk about their learning and the activities they chose that week.

We are grateful for your comments on your child's observations when using Tapestry as we do welcome positive and reflective feedback.

Thank you to all parents who have made comments or uploaded their own observations. We really value seeing what the children learn outside of school. Please remember to upload your own observations about your child's wonderful learning. If you need any support please come and see us.

### P.E. Kits

**Please can your child bring in their kit to school** and keep it here as we have had lots of occasions lately when children have not had their kit in school and P.E. is an important part of your child's education, therefore they need the appropriate clothes in school. If your child is missing any of the kit please do let us know. Early Years have P.E. **on Tuesdays.**

Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Show and Tell

We encourage the children to bring in their 'learning for show and tell' to share with the rest of the class at the end of the school day. Please can it be linked to the **current topic only.**

### Dress up as a Pirate day!

**Please do not forget the dress up day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you have any questions, ideas or wish to share news about your child, please come and see us. We value good communication as we believe it is the key to your child having the best learning experience at home and in school.

Kind regards

Julie Galvin and the EY Team!

