



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to Year 5, we hope you have had a lovely summer!

We are very happy to have the children back in school and it is lovely to see them and catch up with them! They might have discussed with you some changes which are currently in place, in order to deal with the current situation. The children will be washing their hands regularly and thoroughly, and classroom surfaces are being cleaned at various points throughout the day. They are also sitting in rows in order to minimise face-to-face contact and being encouraged to be mindful of how close they are to other pupils and teachers. If you have any queries or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office, but rest assured that we are doing our utmost to keep your children safe.

## Our Topic – Gunpowder, Treason and Plot!

Our topic this half term is all about the gunpowder plot and the period in history when this event occurred. Chronology will be discussed as we look at British historical timelines including British Kings and Queens. We will be reading *Black Powder* by Ally Sherrick, which provides the children with an understanding of the period of time and explores the conflict between Catholics and Protestants.

## Key Dates and Things to Remember

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – first day of Autumn term
  - **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - last day of half term
  - **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October** – HALF TERM
  - **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – first day of Autumn 2
  - **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Gunpowder plot / Fireworks celebration day
  - **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – last day of Autumn term
- **P.E. Kits**  
Full P.E. kit is needed to be **worn to school every Friday**. Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for all weather types. Please could you ensure that all clothing is regularly checked to ensure that all items are clearly labelled.
  - As we are not allowed to use water fountains at this point in time, please can you ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school **every day**.

## Reading at Home

Please continue to provide your support by reading regularly at home. We appreciate how busy you all are but cannot emphasise enough how valuable this is to the children's learning. We encourage and celebrate regular reading with reading certificates awarded in class for the number of times the children have read. Please help us to monitor this by



numbering each reading entry in your child's reading record, one number per day (rather than one each time they read).

Our reading-at-home focus this half term will be **fluency and reading with expression**. Please encourage children to vary their tone to suit emotions, character changes or differing pace within 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.

### **Homework**

Homework will be emailed to your child on a weekly basis. They will have been given a username and password to access Office 365 and they will be required to complete the homework on a laptop/tablet/computer and then asked to send it back to Mrs Williams. If this presents a problem for your child, then do please email me and I will arrange for your child to complete the work at school.

Spellings and mental maths practise needs to be completed every day at home. **Children will be tested every Thursday and new homework will be given out on 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. Homework will be differentiated to meet the needs of each child. Moving forward there will be homework club during a lunch time (more details will follow) where the children can complete these tasks.

**Spellings** – children will be given fortnightly spelling lists to practise using the **look, say, cover, write, check** technique. In addition to our spelling focus, lists will also include a few of the Year 5 spellings. A list of these words will also be in their homework books and require practice.

**Mental Magicians** – this will continue as it was last year. The children worked very hard and were so pleased with their wrist bands. Please encourage them to learn and practice their times tables at home. The following link can be used for tips on how you can support your child with this: [www.lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents-hub/curriculum/maths](http://www.lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents-hub/curriculum/maths)

We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning this half term and we welcome you to contact myself or the school if you have any questions or concerns.

My contact email address is [dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Beck and Mrs Shah  
Year Five

