



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Four at Lyminster. This term we have lots of exciting activities – and even a drama workshop in October – to ensure all of our children enjoy and excel in their learning.

## Our Topic – Long Long Ago

Our topic this half term is all about the Stone Age to Iron Age period. We will delve into Stone Age life and learn about the troubles Neanderthals faced, before moving onto the discovery of bronze and how that quickly helped early man discover iron. We will be reading lots of related stories such as Ug by Raymond Briggs, and The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley to link our English work to history. By the end of the topic the children will have a good working knowledge of this period and the impact this has had on life today.

## Homework

Year Four's homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spellings and mental maths. In addition, we will be setting online weekly My Maths homework and 15 minutes of Times Table Rock Stars in preparation for the multiplication test at the end of Year 4. In class, we will be changing reading and library books on a weekly basis. The children will always have at least two books to read at home and we ask that you read as much as you can.

## Reading

It is important that your child's reading books are in their book bag every day as we like to take every opportunity to read! At home, please encourage your child to read widely across both fiction and non-fiction. **Our reading focus this half-term will be reading, understanding and discussing new vocabulary.** Reading widely and often increases pupils' vocabulary because they encounter words they would rarely hear or use in everyday speech. It would really support your child if you could help them to do this. Please also continue to read aloud more difficult texts and favourite books to your child, as we will also be sharing challenging books with the children in our daily reading lessons.

## Handwriting

During Year Four, your child is expected to write neatly, using finger spaces, with 'lead-ins' at the start of each lower case letter. They should also be starting to join some of their lower case letters, so please encourage your child to practise at home. Don't forget that you also have free access to our handwriting website:

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home** (swipe capital 'L' on tablets). We love seeing all the captions, stories, diaries and fact sheets that your children have made so please keep encouraging any independent or supported writing at home. We'd love to see these on our Twitter page!

## Important Dates for your Diary

- **Thursday 15th October - One Day Creative workshop**
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct- Half Term**



**Named Clothing**

Please could you ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled and this includes P.E. kit and water bottles. This really helps everyone to organise their belongings at the end of the day. This half term, Year 4 will have PE on Thursdays. Until further notice, please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

As always, you are welcome to phone if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Johnston  
Year 4 Class Teacher