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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Three 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. The children have had a fantastic start to the term and we are very proud of their effort and attitude in class.

Our Topic – Long Long Ago

Our topic this half term is all about the Stone Age to Iron Age period. We will be reading lots of related stories and poems as well as linking our work to history and geography. 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 Three's homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spellings (which can be found on the website in the Year 3 section), My Maths tasks and mental maths. 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. Weekly spelling and times table tests will take place on a Friday.

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 3, 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 26th – Friday 30th October, 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 3 will have P.E. on **Thursdays**. Until further notice, please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

Please phone if you have any queries, questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clarke and Mrs Pennicott
Year 3 Class Teachers