



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Two 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 be reading lots of related stories and poems as well as linking our work to history and geography and art. By the end of the topic the children will have a good working knowledge of these time periods and the impact this has had on life today. The children are already learning about Mary Anning and the interesting life she led, if anyone has any fossils they could send pictures of to me on Twitter the children would love to see them! We have also started reading 'Stone Age Boy' and the children have engaged really well in discussions around this book. As the topic progresses the children will have the opportunity to take part in a creative workshop and be immersed in the period.

## Homework

Year Two's homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spellings and mental maths. We will **change reading books every Thursday** so please ensure your child has their reading books in school with them. We will send home new spellings and maths magicians sheets home to be stuck in and practised, please do not send homework books into school. 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 2, 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*
- *Last day of half term – Friday 23rd October*

### **Named Clothing**

Please could you ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled and this includes jumpers, P.E. kit and water bottles. This really helps everyone to organise their belongings at the end of the day. This half term, Year 2 will have outdoor P.E. on **Wednesdays**. Until further notice, please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kit on this day.

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

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Mrs Jobbings  
Year 2 Class Teacher

