



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing the children back and raring to go! Our half term begins with Personal Development Week, which provides a fantastic opportunity for the children to talk about ways of keeping healthy in both mind and body. Our theme is 'acceptance' and we will begin the week with a workshop that will provide opportunities to discuss kindness and friendship through drama. In addition to a variety of creative activities, the children will take part in P.E. each day – an active start to the new half term!

## Our Topic – Island Life

Our topic this half term is all about life on an island – specifically linked to Iceland. We will be learning about stone trolls and creating our own stories based on the characters and landscapes we have explored. We will be taking a virtual tour of popular areas of Iceland and learn about how the landscape has changed over time. We will link this to our understanding of climate change and think about how we can make a difference.

## Homework

Year Three's homework will consist of weekly spellings, My Maths online tasks and mental maths, which will all be set on a Friday. Please continue to read with your child daily as this will help to build their fluency and support their learning in all areas. In class, we will be changing reading and library books on a weekly basis. The children are responsible for changing their own books and we will continue to remind them to take responsibility for this. They should always have at least two books to read at home to help build their stamina and range of vocabulary. 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. **Our reading focus this half-term will be discussing our understanding of new texts.**

## 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 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 too!

## Named Clothing

Please could you ensure that all water bottles, snack pots, jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled. 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