



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome back and we hope you had a good half term break- we think it was much needed!**

We are still carrying on with our topic of **The Gunpowder Plot** and continuing to read *Black Powder*. We will be moving onto a focus on **Democracy** where we will be discussing what democracy is exactly and be linking it to our topic but also to subjects that are relevant to the children. This will feed into our English work – speaking and listening, reading and writing.

Our Gunpowder Plot themed day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November (funnily enough!) Dressing up is **OPTIONAL** and can be as creative and simple as you like eg. A shirt and trousers.



In Science, we will be studying **Materials and their Properties** and our Maths focus will be Fractions- continuing on from where the children left off in Year 4 before Lockdown! Prior to that we will have Personal Development week where the children will create work based on the book **The Island** by Armin Greder. This is an emotive picture book about accepting differences and how ignorance can lead to fear. During this week we will also look at statistics linked to health and join in with P.E and Science based activities all linked to health.

## Things to remember:

- ❖ PE is on **WEDNESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**; therefore they will need to wear their PE kit for the day. We are more than happy for children to wear joggers and sweatshirts as it can get cold now out on the playground.
- ❖ A reminder that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails on a regular basis. For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies.
- ❖ Please ensure your child has their jumper or cardigan and a waterproof coat with them as we are actively encouraging outside play whatever the weather. Some class time may also be spent outside when the weather is fine. It is **ESSENTIAL** they have their own water bottle in school **EVERY** day as they cannot use the water fountains due to the current situation or use school cups.
- ❖ Children are expected to read **EVERY DAY**. Please read with your child or discuss with them what they are reading. You can still read to them, share the reading or they read to you. Pose questions



to them about what they have understood to assist them with their comprehension skills. Never under-estimate what a huge difference this makes to their overall learning and progress.

### ❖ Homework

Homework will continue to be emailed to your child on a weekly basis. Hopefully they are now familiar with their username and password to access Office 365 and now know the process to email it back to my email address.

- Children are asked to read every day and to read an age appropriate book. They may read a book from home or one chosen in school.
- My Maths will continue to be set weekly online.
- Times Tables Rock Stars must be practised at home, as we continue to carry out mental magicians tests, on a weekly basis.
- Spellings will be emailed to your child which they are expected to learn and **will be tested on**. They will now be given in a fortnightly cycle to enable the children to embed their learning.
- Other homework will comprise of reading comprehensions and grammar practice.
- Homework club has been reinstated – this will be on Wednesday lunchtimes and children who have not completed their homework by then will spend time doing it then. This will support them ready for high school where they will receive far more homework.

Handwriting and presentation is extremely important in Year 5 and children are reminded of that. With this in mind, please remember you and your child have free access to our handwriting website if you feel it may benefit your child: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do not hesitate to email us. You are welcome to email any concerns directly to myself at [dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Kindest regards,

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