



# LYMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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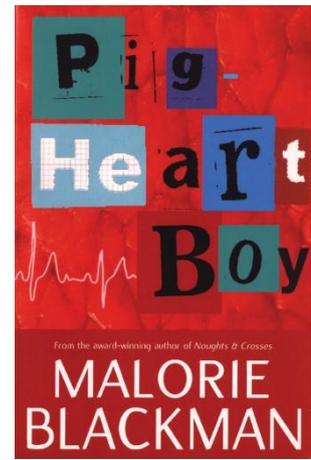
Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome to the Spring 2 Term .

Our new topic is based around the book, 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman and the interesting themes and issues the book raises. Our writing will include a newspaper report, a diary entry and a television interview all related to the book's thought-provoking subject matter.

During this half term we will be undertaking a number of topic related activities and you will have an opportunity to view all the incredible work that your child produces from **2:45-3:30 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

We would love any friends or family to come and see what your child and their class mates have achieved.



## Things to remember:

- ❖ Your child will continue to have **PE on Wednesdays and Fridays** and will therefore need their PE kit on these days. I am more than happy for children to wear jumpers and tracksuit bottoms during the winter months for their Friday outdoor PE lesson. We have a number of children who regularly do not bring in their full kit resulting in them being unable to take part in lessons. Please encourage your child to check she/he has the correct kit, this will help to prepare them for secondary school next year.
- ❖ Please ensure your child has a coat every day as the weather is still rather unpredictable.
- ❖ Children are expected to read on a regular basis and bring in their reading diaries regularly to be checked and signed. Reading certificates will be awarded in celebration assemblies for the number of times the children have read and to monitor this the children or adults will need to record this in their reading record, numbering each entry: **50 entries – bronze reading award**, 100 entries – silver reading award, **150 entries – gold reading award**.



Over the coming half-term, we will be using 'Pig Heart Boy' to develop the children's ability to explain and discuss his/her understanding of what he/she has read. This will be achieved through formal presentations and debates in class. You can help your child with these skills by quizzing them about their reading at home and asking them to explain their understanding of the story/characters/setting/atmosphere.

- ❖ Please remember that we are 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, we will provide paper copies of the appropriate letters. Copies of any mislaid letters can be obtained from the office.

#### **H o m e w o r k   r e m i n d e r :**

- ❖ Children are given Maths and English homework once a week, which again will be checked and recorded. If children fail to bring in their homework when it is due on a Wednesday, they will be expected to attend homework club on Friday lunchtime to ensure it is completed.
- ❖ Any child can attend homework club to complete homework or their take home task.
- ❖ Spellings are given out on a 2 weekly cycle. The first week children are expected to learn the spellings and are then tested to see how they are getting on. In the second week they are expected to complete a sentence using each spelling so that they understand the word in a context. They are then tested again on the spellings.
- ❖ The Mental magicians are tested every Friday when wristbands and certificates are handed out.

Dear Year 6 pupil,

**HALF TERM TASK** – during the school half term I want you to show off what you have learnt. Therefore, I am setting you a topic-related task. I want you to produce a short story based on the themes in the book 'Pig Heart Boy.' I want you to show both your parents and I exactly what you are capable of. I'm looking for a piece of work you have really thought about, that shows me how you have taken time and care in your work, by not rushing it or leaving it to the last minute.

The deadline for this is **Friday 23rd March 2018.**

As always if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please don't hesitate to catch me before or after school.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Yarrow and Mrs Gale  
Year 6 Team.