

 **LYMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A WARM WELCOME TO YEAR 5!

We hope you had a lovely summer break and are somewhat rested and refreshed (perhaps the children more so than the adults?!) We are very much looking forward to continuing our journey with your children this year.

A reminder that your child’s Year 5 staff are:

* Miss Johnston - Class teacher Monday to Friday
* Mrs Virgoe – Teaching Assistant and P.P.A. Teacher – Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning
* Mrs Shah- Teaching Assistant - Maths and interventions – Monday to Wednesday

**Topic –The Awesome Anglo-Saxons!**

This half-term, Year 5 will be learning all about the life of the Anglo-Saxons, in particular village life, arts and crafts, important dates, events and key people. As a link to this we will be studying the Michael Morpurgo version of Beowulf. Our English work will mainly stem from this book.

We will have our visit **on Tuesday 16th September** to Butser Ancient Farmto further inspire and engage the children in our topic.

**Dates for the diary in Autumn 1:**

* **Thursday 4th September** – first day of Autumn term
* **Tuesday 16th September** – Trip to Butser Farm
* **Friday 19th September** – Own clothes Day – Jeans for Genes
* **Friday 26th September** – INSET DAY
* **Thursday 2nd October –** Harvest Festival celebrations from 2.30pm
* **Monday 20th – Friday 24th October** – Personal Development week
* **Thursday 23rd October –** Halloween Disco – KS2 4-5.30pm(further information to follow)
* **Friday 24th October –** individual school photos – full school uniform
* **Friday 24th October –** last day of half term
* **Monday 27th – Friday 31st October** – HALF TERM
* **Monday 3rd November –** first day of Autumn 2
* **Friday 19th December –** last day of Autumn term

**Key Information and polite reminders:**

* **School mornings:** Year 5come straight into class for **8.45am**. The exception to this will be **Fridays** when all staff have a business meeting. Children should then wait by the classroom door and they will be let in at 8.50am.
* **P.E. Kits**

**Full** school P.E. kit (this includes trainers; school footwear is not suitable) needs to be worn to school every **Tuesday and Friday**. Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for all weather types. Children with earrings need them taken out on the day of P.E. or to have taped them up. Long hair must be tied up.

* **Reading at Home**

Your child will continue to have a ‘reading for pleasure’ book. They will also have a book suited to their ability. For some children this may be just 1 book. As part of their homework, it is expected that they **read at home at least 5 times per week.** Please provide your support by ensuring your child reads regularly at home. Our reading focus this half term is a focus on inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying these inferences with evidence from the text. This means: can they say how a character is feeling, thinking and why they are doing things and what clues are there in the text that make them think that?

* **Homework**

**Spellings** Your child will be given weekly spelling lists to practise using whatever method they wish at home and/or the ‘Look, Say, Cover, write, check’ method. Spellings will have a focus on the year 5 words and spelling patterns. Spelling homework and expectations will be differentiated to suit your child.

**Mental Magicians** We ask that your child continues to practise their Mental Magician objective - times tables - this is the one carried on from Year 4.

**Maths homework** Your child will be set homework on MyMaths each week. Their logins can be found at the front of their homework book.

* **Letters**

Please remember that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails/ parent app on a regular basis.  For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies.  As ever, copies of any mislaid letters can be obtained from the office.

* **Handwriting**

Following on from Year 4, we will continue to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. Please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>.The username is **ak3814**and the password is **home.**This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

**Please encourage your child to use the same standard of presentation in their homework as they do in class and to use a blue or black pen.**

We are looking forward to our first half term this academic year, with lots of exciting learning taking place. We will be focussing on encouraging independence even more now that the children are in upper key stage 2. Your support with this would be gratefully received. Please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns or email ejohnston28@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk or the office and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5 Team