




# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Our Topic – ‘Near and Far’

We wish all the children and their families a ‘Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!’ We look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2023. We will return with class Country topic, Australia. We will begin by finding out a little bit more about our Capital city, London before heading off to Australia to make some comparisons. As always in Early Years, we will be following the children's own interests and including these ideas in our topic work as part of our ongoing provision.

## Home Learning

We will continue to change the reading books on a weekly basis and send home phonetically decodable green words and red tricky words. Please continue to practice these at home with your child as they support the development of our phonics learning at school. Our Hungry Caterpillar reading chart is set up in the classroom and your child will move up after every 10 reads at home. When they reach the top, they will receive a new picture book to keep and bring home. This chart is an incentive for your child to ask you to read with them. We really want the children to want to read daily because they enjoy it!

## Outside Classroom

As always, the weather is changing, and we can expect to see even more rain and maybe even a little sprinkling of snow. We will always try to get outside whatever the weather, so please can you ensure your child always has a warm coat, scarf and gloves, all labelled please! Just a reminder that your child will be involved in many tactile, messy activities throughout the day so please do not send them to school in their best coats or items considered expensive because with all the best will in the world and while wearing an apron (which is encouraged) they may still become marked or stained.

## Phonics

We will begin to learn the Set 2 sounds over the next few weeks. To support your child with this we will be sending some sound cards home for you to practise with your child along with a new set of green words. Little and often is best, so just spending 5 minutes a day recapping will help your child become confident at spotting the sounds in their reading books. The Early Years team would like to Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Crystal Smith, Mrs Claire Doran and Miss Cherise Lewington

