

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dream Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 1
Teacher - Mr Goldie
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Grady

The School Day

School starts at 8.55am. Children should line up in the playground and the teachers then collect their class from here.

Lunch time is 12.00-1.00pm

School ends at 3.15pm

(Year 1 will be opening the doors slightly earlier)

Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your children. If you are unavoidably delayed please contact the school office. Teachers will be in the playground to meet children and parents at the start of the day. Parents can collect their children from the Key Stage 1 entrance at the end of the day.

Lunchtimes

All school meals are now free for any child who may want one in KS1. We have introduced a new banding system to lunch times which involves your child choosing a certain colour band in relation to which meal they would like, this means the meals are now tailored to exactly

what your child wants to eat on any given day, the delicious choices change daily.

The Curriculum

At Simonside every child in Year 1 has a daily maths and literacy lesson. Literacy lessons involve the children developing their writing, reading and speaking and listening skills.

A phonics session takes place daily and is tailored to the needs of the children. The class will be split between Mr Goldie and Mrs Grady depending on current phonics abilities.

In Year 1 the children have 5 maths lessons with the class teacher which involves all aspects of mathematics work including mental and written calculations. Practical activities are planned where appropriate to meet curriculum objectives.

Year 1 Topics throughout the academic year:

Autumn 1 Term: 'What is Special?'

Autumn 2 Term: 'Celebrations and Toys!'

Spring 1 Term: 'Could you live in Space?'

Spring 2 Term: 'Did Grandad play with a PlayStation?'

Summer 1 Term: 'Who was famous in the 1960's?'

Summer 2 Term: 'Why doesn't a Polar Bear live in the Desert?'

Homework

Homework is given out on a Friday and is due back in on a Thursday the following week. This will include a Reading Book and Topic based homework around the particular subject the children are learning about.

Important days and dates for this academic year:

Tuesday: - P.E

Thursday: - P.E / Homework returned

Friday: - Homework Handed out

Fruit and Drink

KS1 are offered fruit each day which is funded by the local authority.

We believe that children should take regular drinks of water throughout the school day. Children should bring a water bottle to school, clearly marked with their name.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, parents must telephone the school office by 09.30.

- ❖ Contact school as soon as possible to let us know the reason why your child is absent and how long they are likely to be off for.
- ❖ Without an explanation the absence will be marked as **UNAUTHORISED**.
- ❖ Children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness.
- ❖ Please arrange to take family holidays during school holidays. Permission must be obtained from the school for absences.
- ❖ Please try to organise all Dentist and non-urgent Doctors' appointments outside of school time.

- ❖ At the end of Year 2 the children are required to carry out maths and literacy tasks which support teacher assessments. Attendance at this time is particularly important.

P.E

The children have two P.E. lessons per week. Could you please ensure that the children bring the correct kit in at the start of the week and keep it in school until Friday.

The kit is a plain green t-shirt, black shorts and sand shoes which should be stored in some sort of bag. Trainers will also be needed for outdoor P.E. in September and the warmer months.

It is very important to name all of your child's clothing by writing their name on the tags! This includes their PE kit (shorts, t-shirts and shoes), school clothing (cardigans, jumpers, trousers, skirts and shoes) and also their book bags and anything else you send them to school wearing!

Hometime

Please stand clear of the stairs and doors to allow the children to see their parents. Remember, Year 1 will be opening the doors slightly earlier to help ease the flow of people.

Open door policy

Your child's happiness and well being are important to us. If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to chat to us.