

Fruit and Drink

KS2 Children can bring in fruit to eat at break time.

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 to take children on holiday.
- ❖ Please try to organise all Dentist and non-urgent Doctors' appointments outside of school time

P.E

The children have two P.E. lessons per week (Wednesdays and Thursdays). Please ensure that the children bring the correct kit in at the start of the week.

The correct P.E. kit is a plain green t-shirt, black shorts and sand shoes/trainers, which should be stored in some sort of bag. Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all items of clothing and accessories.

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dream Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 4

Teacher - Mr Thoburn

Teaching Assistant - Mrs Thomas

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

Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your child. If you are unavoidably delayed, please contact school. Teachers will be in the playground to meet children and parents both at the start and the end of the day.

Lunchtimes

School meals may be paid for one week in advance on a Monday morning. Money should be sent in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount. The cost of a lunch is £2.00 and is therefore £10.00 per week. Alternatively you may provide your child with a packed lunch. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals please ask at the office.

The Curriculum

At Simonside, every child in Year 4 has a daily maths and literacy lesson. Literacy lessons involve the children developing their writing, reading and speaking and listening skills. The children also take part in drama activities to help stimulate ideas for written work. This year we will be reading various fiction and non-fiction books. All of the books will engage the children both in reading and writing and are linked to our topics.

In Year 4 the children have 4 Maths lessons with the class teacher which involves all aspects of mathematics work including mental and written calculations as well as developing their using and applying skills.

For one maths session a week, the children have an Assertive Mentoring maths lesson. Here the children work with other children across the school who are working at the same level as them. All staff members across key stage 2 and Year 2 are involved in delivering these sessions, the children are often in much smaller groups in comparison to their normal class. The children are given a short test each week as part of these sessions. If they achieve 'green' standard (80% or above) three weeks running, the children are given the opportunity to move up into the next ability group.

Year 4 Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Local study: Newcastle	Village settlers	The Ancient Egyptians	The Ancient Egyptians	Anglo-Saxons	Newcastle 100 years ago

Where possible we try to link topic work in with the other subjects. For instance, the children write instruction texts and report texts linked to science topics or diaries and letters linked to topic. See topic maps on school website for coverage of all foundation subjects.

Homework

Homework is given out each half term. The children are given a choice of tasks to complete over the course of the half term with the subject matter linked to the class topic. If your child has difficulty with the task they have been set, then it would be great if you could support them or if you prefer they may attend homework club which takes place every Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. Please also feel free to make a comment about the homework task in your child's book; it is very useful to get feedback on how you felt your child found the task.

Every Monday, the children also get a set of spellings each week to learn for a test on Thursday. They should also practice their multiplication tables as often as possible, as they will be tested every half term. Finally, your child is expected to read their home reading book at least once every two weeks, but I would encourage for this to be once every week. Home reading books are changed on a weekly basis, so once the book is returned it will be changed on a Tuesday and given back out. In the classroom we have a reading chart, which records the amount of books the children are reading. The boy and girl with the most read books at the end of each half term will receive a prize. If possible please hear your child read and make comments on the sheet provided in their reading folder. Alternatively if your child is a confident reader they can read on their own and write their own comments. If your child does read on their own then an adult must sign in the comments box to verify this.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Monday - Spellings given out.

Tuesday - Reading books changed.

Wednesday - P.E. kit in school.

Thursday - P.E. kit in school. Spelling test.

