

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dream, Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 1/2

Teacher – Miss King

Teaching Assistants – Ms Johnson, Mrs Grady and Mrs Radford

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/children. 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 1/2 is taught 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 stimulate ideas for written work. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books that link with the topics for each half term.

A phonics session takes place daily and is tailored to the needs of the children. All staff in Key Stage 1 are involved in delivering these sessions.

Year 1/2 Topics

Autumn 1: What is special?

Autumn 2: Could you live in space?

Spring 1: Did Grandad play with a playstation?

Spring 2: Who was famous in the 1960s?

Summer 1 and 2: Why doesn't a polar bear live in a desert?

Where possible we try to link topic work in with the other subjects the children are doing.

Topic Maps regarding what your child will be learning can be viewed on the school website.

Homework

Reading books and spellings are given out on a Friday and are Reading books should be returned on a Wednesday. In addition to this the children will be given creative based homework, which is usually topic based. The children also get a set of spellings each week to learn - these are usually given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

Finally, it is important for your child/children to read regularly. If you could listen to your child read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading this would be very highly effective in securing progress.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Monday	–	Spellings sent home.
Tuesday	–	P.E.
Wednesday	–	Homework should be returned to school.
Friday	–	Homework will be sent home.
Friday	–	P.E.
Friday	–	Spelling test in school.

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 each day, 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 will not be given for holidays during term time.
- ❖ 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 complete Maths and English SATS (which includes reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar, mental arithmetic and reasoning in Maths) which support teacher assessments. Attendance at this time is particularly important.
- ❖ Year 1 children are tested in phonics. Attendance at this time is particularly important.

P.E

Children are taught P.E. twice each week. Please ensure that your child/children bring the correct kit in to school for these lessons. These should remain in school until the end of each half term.

The kit is a plain green t-shirt, black shorts and sand shoes which should be stored in a named bag. Please also name each item in your child's kit.

Home time

Can we please ask parents to stand back from the steps and the doors at the end of the school day. It is important for the children to be able to see the adult who is collecting them before they step outside the door.

Open door policy

Your child's happiness and well being are important to us. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher.