

### Homework

The children receive 'Creative Homework' at the start of a half term and this takes the form of a grid outlining different challenges relating to a certain topic. The children are expected to complete a set number of challenges for the last week of the half term and they can choose which ones they want to do. The number of challenges will depend on the length of the half term. Homework is handed in half way through the half term so that teachers can check how the children are progressing towards completing the set number of challenges.

The children also get a set of spellings each week to learn- these are usually given out on a Monday and tested on a Thursday. It would also be beneficial if your child could practise their multiplication tables as often as possible. Finally, if you could listen to your children read at home, or ask them questions about what they are reading, this would be highly effective in securing progress.

### Important days and dates for this academic year

**Monday-** Spellings given out

**Monday and Wednesday** – P.E. (PE kits need to be in school)

**Thursday** – Spelling test



**Welcome to Year 2/3**  
**Teacher – Miss Watson**  
**Teaching Assistant – Miss Cooley**

### The School Day

School starts at 8.55am. Children can come into the classroom from 8.50am onwards.

Lunch time is 12.00-1.00pm

School ends at 3.15pm

Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your children. If you are unavoidably delayed please contact the school office.

### 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 has a daily maths and literacy lesson. Literacy lessons involve the children developing their writing, reading, speaking and listening skills. The children also take part in drama activities to help stimulate ideas for written work. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that link in with the topics for each half term.

In Year 2/3 the children have 4 numeracy lessons with the class teacher which involves all aspects of mathematics work including mental and written calculations.

For one maths session a week, the children have an Assertive Mentoring maths lesson (Big Maths). 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.

The topics for this year are detailed below. Where possible we try to link topic work in with the other subjects the children are doing. In the spring term, for instance, the children will create their own Greek clay pots in design and technology, as well as using texts based around Ancient Greece during literacy lessons.

Please have a look at our class blog as regularly as you can – we will keep you up to date on what we've been learning in class.

### **Year 3 Topic Themes:**

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Romans	The Romans	The Ancient Greeks	The Ancient Greeks	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Mapping/Tropics

## 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. They will also have access to water in the classroom.

## 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

## P.E.

In Year 2/3 the children have two P.E. lessons per week. Please ensure that the children bring the correct kit in at the start of the week. The kit is a plain green t-shirt, black shorts and sand shoes/trainers which should be stored in some sort of bag. All items of clothing must have your child's name inside as P.E kits often go missing.