

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to Year 4

Teacher – Miss Balmer

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Hall and Mrs Jones

The School Day

School starts at 9:00am. Children will line up on the KS2 yard.

Lunch time is 12pm-1pm

School ends at 3.10pm

Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your children. If you are unavoidably delayed please contact the school office. Staff 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 £2.20 and is therefore £11.00 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 Year 4 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 books that link in with the topics for each half term. Maths lessons cover a range of mathematical skills, including mental and written calculations to both develop fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Topic maps are on the school website for each class for each term. Where possible, we try to create cross-curricular links between the topic and other areas of the curriculum. Please have a look at our Class Dojo as regularly as you can – we will keep you up to date on what we've been learning in class.

Year 4 Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Ancient Egypt	Study of Newcastle	Local History	France	Anglo-Saxons	Settlements

Homework

Literacy or maths homework tasks will be set weekly. This work will be based on what we have done in class and will not be new to the children. It will be set at a level that children can access for themselves; they may need encouragement to do their homework but shouldn't need help to complete it. All children should please ask for support at school (before the homework deadline) if they have been unable to complete their homework. Homework will be set on a **Friday** and returned the following **Wednesday**. It is expected that all homework tasks will be completed and returned to school on time. If homework is not completed and returned to school for the deadline, you will be made aware via Class Dojo.

The children also get a set of spellings and times tables each week to learn - these are usually given out on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. It would also be beneficial if children could practise their multiplication tables as often as possible as there is a Year 4 multiplication check. Finally, if you could listen to your child read at home, or ask them questions about what they are reading, this will support the children in making progress.

Important days for this academic year

Monday and Friday – PE (PE kits need to be in school)

Friday – Spellings/Times Table tests
New Spellings/Times Tables and homework given out

Wednesday – Homework to be returned

Correct PE kit is required on PE days. This consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsoles. Trainers will also be needed for outdoor PE in September and the warmer months. If children fail to have correct PE kit on 3 occasions across a half-term, you will be contacted via Class Dojo.

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. No juice or flavoured water.

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.

Important dates for your diary

Please check Class Dojo for updates on important messages, dates and events.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Miss Balmer