

**SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Dream Believe and Achieve**



**Welcome to Year 2!**  
**Teacher – Mr Singh**  
**Teaching Assistant – Mrs Peck**

**The School Day**

School starts at 8.55am. Doors will open at 8.50am and children should walk into school from this time and join their teacher in class where learning activities will be taking place before registration takes place at 8.55am. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please do this at the end of the school day or call to make an appointment. Lunch time is from 11.45am to 12.45pm. School ends at 3.15pm. Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your child/children. If you are unavoidably delayed, please contact school.

**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 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.

The Year 2 topic for Autumn 1 will be Let's Explore!  
Topic Maps regarding what your child will be learning can be viewed on the school website.

**Homework**

Homework will be given out at the beginning of the term with tasks relating to what your child is learning. Children have options of choosing which tasks to complete. Please see homework sheet for further instructions. Homework must be handed in by the date stated each term so it can be marked and new homework can be given.

**Reading**

Reading books will be given out on a Friday and must be returned by Wednesday. Some books may be changed earlier depending on progress. Please read for at least 10 minutes with your child daily. **Children must bring in their book bags in every day** so we can monitor their reading records and they are also useful to take home letters/items from school.

### **Important days and dates for this academic year.**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October there will be an information evening where you can find out about the Year 2 curriculum and what your child will be learning.

There will also be a SATS information evening later in the year.

We hope you can join us!

### **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.

### **P.E – Mondays and Wednesdays**

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 black sand shoes which should be stored in a named bag. Please also name each item in your child's kit. You must include a warm jumper for your child during the colder months as PE will be outside unless the weather conditions are adverse.

### **Absence from School**

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

- 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.

### **Open door policy**

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

Thank you for your support.