

HOME LEARNING

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to our Home Learning section. We appreciate that supporting your children with home learning may seem like a very daunting task so we're here to help in any way we can. We aim to provide enough material for you to structure your child's learning without overloading you. We need to be mindful that we don't want the novelty of home learning to 'burn out' too soon.

In this section you will find two documents for each class:

- 1. An overview sheet which lists the main websites and ongoing work that your child can be accessing and doing daily e.g spellings, tables, handwriting, typing skills. It also shows the themes that relate to your child's current topic learning. Children have been given logins for the websites which school has a subscription for.**
- 2. A weekly activity sheet which should be completed over the week. There are a range of challenges to choose from. These activity sheets will be updated weekly and uploaded for the start of each new week.**

If you wish to communicate with your child's class teacher and/or wish to access further learning resources please use Class Dojo. Class teachers are on this daily uploading new ideas and responding to messages. Messages can be posted between 9am and 3:15pm and staff will get back to you when they can. At other times the teachers will be preparing resources and also taking care of their families.

Children can also upload photos of their work and receive class dojos. It's a brilliant way of keeping in touch. If you have any difficulty with using the Class Dojo app, please email admin@simonside.newcastle.sch.uk

If your child has specific special needs you will shortly find a section containing resources that could support further. If you have any queries about how to support your child please email loise.anal@simonside.newcastle.sch.uk

It may be useful to set your child a timetable in order to structure their day. Whilst we don't want to overload them, it is important that they keep up with their learning on a daily basis so they don't fall too far behind. We recognise that it may be difficult to manage more than one child doing homework at a time –please encourage older children to support younger siblings. Please also remind older children of the importance of e-safety – there is a poster on the next page to help with this.

Please keep in touch and stay safe. Email admin@simonside.newcastle.sch.uk if you have any queries.

cyber rules

stay safe and have fun on the internet

Be careful who you trust online. Making new friends can be fun, but there's a chance that they may not be who they say they are.

Set your profile to 'private' so your personal information is kept secret.

Don't open messages from people that you don't know. These could be nasty, contain viruses or be trying to sell you something.

Always keep your password a secret.

Tell your parents if you are upset by language, pictures or anything scary on the internet.

If someone is nasty, offensive or makes you uncomfortable in a chat room, don't respond and leave straight away.

Think before you post information online—once posted it's difficult to remove.

Don't accept any offers that seem too good to be true—they probably are.

Ask your parents before you give anyone on the internet your name, address or any personal details.

www.cybersmart.gov.au

