

Homework

Children will receive homework on a half termly basis. Homework will be linked to learning topics and is always set with the purpose of extending learning. Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday.

Children will 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. Children are expected to complete a set number of challenges across 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. If your child needs help or resources in order to be able to complete the set challenges, please speak to one of us and we will arrange for them to stay in at lunchtime to use school resources.

In addition to this children will receive reading books and spelling homework. Each week children will learn a new pattern or rule and then receive 10 spellings linked to their learning. Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Reading books will be given out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday alongside homework books.

Across the duration of the year children will learn multiplication and division facts for multiples of 3, 4 and 8. It would be beneficial if your child could practise their multiplication tables as often as possible at home.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Monday- Spellings given out

Wednesday – Homework and reading books to be returned.

Thursday and Friday - P.E. (PE kits need to be in school)

Friday – Spelling test



Welcome to Year 3
Teacher – Mrs Frizzell
Teaching Assistant – Mrs Jennings

The School Day

School starts at 8.55am.
Lunch time is 12.15 -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. 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 Year 3 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.

In Year 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 a Big Maths session. Here the children work with peers from 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. Each week, as part of these sessions, the children are given a short test. 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.

A copy of the topic map will be available on our school website. Where possible, we try to link topic work in with the other subjects the children are doing.

Please have a look at our class blog regularly – 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 Tudors and Stuarts | ~ The Tudors and Stuarts | ~ The Royal Family | ~ The Royal Family | ~ Volcanoes and Earthquakes . What makes the Earth so angry? | ~ Volcanoes and Earthquakes . What makes the Earth so angry? |

Fruit and Drinks

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 3 children have two P.E. lessons per week. Please ensure that your child brings the correct kit in at the start of the week. The kit is a plain green t-shirt, black shorts and sand shoes which should be stored in some sort of bag and clearly labelled. Trainers can be worn if the PE lesson is taking place outdoors. Every Thursday children will be taught by a sports coach for PE. Mrs Frizzell will teach an additional PE lesson which will build on prior skills and learning.

Class Dojo

In class we will be using a new rewards system called Class Dojo. If you would like to follow our class news story and view elements of your child's learning then you can download the app and communicate with us. Please see separate Class Dojo invitation detailing how you can join.

