

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dream Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 6

Teachers – Miss Wilson
Teaching Assistants – Mrs Hegarty

The School Day

School starts at 8:50am.
Lunch time is 12:30-1:30pm
School ends at 3.15pm

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 cost £2.20 each and should be paid via SIMs pay. 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 6 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 6 the children have 5 numeracy lessons with the class teacher which involves all aspects of mathematics work including mental and written calculations.

Topic maps are on the school website for each class for each term. Where possible we try to link topic work in with the other subjects the children are doing. Please have a look at our Class Dojo pages as regularly as you can – we will keep you up to date on what we've been learning in class. We will also communicate with you via Class Dojo (please speak with the class teacher if you are still not connected).

Year 6 Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Brazil	Rainforests	The Vikings	The Vikings	Stone Age	Mountains

Homework

Literacy and 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 each week to learn- these are usually given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Weekly 'quick homework' might also be given out for maths and this should only take the children about 10 minutes. This will focus on developing key skills in this subject. It would also be beneficial if they could practise their multiplication tables as often as possible. Finally, if you could listen to your child read at home, or ask them questions about what they are reading this would be very highly effective in securing progress.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Monday – Spellings given out.

Tuesday - Indoor PE (PE kit needs to be in school).

Wednesday – Homework to be returned. Outdoor PE (PE kit needs to be in school).

Friday – Spelling test and homework to be handed out.

Correct P.E. kit consists of a white T-shirt, black shorts and plimsoles. Trainers will also be needed for outdoor P.E. 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.

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

There will be an opportunity to meet class teachers on 30.09.21 at 3:15pm in classrooms.

Training day (school closed to children) – 1st October

Year 6 residential – 8th – 10th June

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

Miss Wilson

