

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dream, Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 1
Teacher – Mrs Main
Teaching Assistants – Mrs Hall and Mrs Jones

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 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.

(Year 1 children are dismissed from 3.10pm.)

Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your child/children. If you are unavoidably delayed please contact school.

Lunchtimes

School meals are free for any child who may want one in KS1. Your child will choose which meal they would like. The delicious choices change daily.

Your child will choose which lunch they want during registration at the beginning of each day.

The Curriculum

At Simonside every child in Year 1 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.

Year 1 Topics

Autumn 1: Superheroes

Autumn 2: Time Travellers

Spring 1: It's Magic

Spring 2: Geordie Genius

Summer 1 and 2: Incredible Journeys

Topic Maps regarding what your child will be learning can be viewed on the school website.

Homework

Topic homework will be given out at the beginning of each term with ideas for you to complete in your child's topic book. Reading books and a Literacy and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. The children also get a set of spellings each week to learn - these are given out on a Friday (from 14th September) and tested the following Friday.

It is important for your child/children to read regularly. If you could listen to your child read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading this would be very highly effective in securing progress. Please also write a comment in your child's reading record book to tell us how your child has been reading at home.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Monday	–	P.E.
Tuesday	–	PE / KS1 Film Club 3:15 – 5:00pm
Wednesday	–	Homework should be returned to school. P.E.
Friday	–	Homework will be sent home.
Friday	–	Spelling test in school.

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.**

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.
- ❖ During the week commencing Monday 10th June, children in Year 1 are required to complete a phonics screening test. Attendance at this time is particularly important. You will receive further information about this later in the school year.

P.E

Children are taught P.E. twice each week (on Monday and Wednesday). 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.

Open door policy

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