

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



**Welcome to Year 5/6**

**Teacher – Miss Balmer**

**Teaching Assistants – Miss Brookwell**

**The School Day**

School starts at 8:45am.

Lunch time is 12:00pm – 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. 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 IRIS parentmail. 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 5 and 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 5 and 6, the children have 5 maths lessons 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 have 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).

### **Topic Themes:**

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Victorians	WW2	Trade	The Mayans	Rivers	Rivers (Fieldwork study)

### Homework

Literacy and Maths homework tasks will be set weekly either using an online platform (SATs Companion) or in their homework books. 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. All children should ask for support (before the homework deadline) if they have been unable to complete their homework. Homework tasks will be set on a **Friday** with a completion date of **Wednesday**. It is expected that all homework tasks will be completed on time. If homework is not completed on time, you will be made aware via Class Dojo and the

SATS Companion website, if applicable. (From January, year 6 children will be given SATs packs to complete at home instead of the usual online homework.)

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. 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 for this academic year**

Monday – Spellings given out.

Tuesday- **P.E.** (Children to come to school wearing their P.E. kit)

Wednesday – Homework to be completed.

**P.E.** (Children to come to school wearing their P.E. kit)

Friday – Spelling test and online homework set.

**Correct P.E. kit** consists of a white/grey T-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. 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 clear plastic water bottle to school, clearly marked with their name. They will also have access to water in the classroom. Juice is not allowed.

### **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**

**Please check Class Dojo for further updates on important messages, dates and events.**

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

Miss Balmer

