

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dream Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 2

Teacher – Mrs Frizzell

Teaching Assistants –Mr Young and Mrs Armstrong

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

Children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal. Alternatively you may provide your child with a healthy packed lunch.

The Curriculum

At Simonside every child in Year 2 is taught a daily Maths and English lesson. English 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 twice daily and is tailored to the needs of the children. All staff in Key Stage 1 are involved in delivering these sessions.

Year 2 Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Titanic	Continents, Countries and Oceans	The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead	Newcastle vs Newcastle	Seaside	Weather and Climate

Full Topic Maps of termly learning can be viewed on the school website. This year we will also continue to communicate with you via Class Dojo to keep you up to date on what we've been learning in class.

Homework

Homework tasks will be set weekly. This work will be based on what we have done in class. Your child will need help and encouragement 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.

Reading

Reading books will also be given out on a **Friday** and must be returned by **Wednesday**. Some books may be changed earlier depending on progress. Please read for at least 15 minutes with your child daily. **Children must bring their book bags in every day** so we can monitor their reading records and they are also useful to take home letters/items from school.

Important days and dates for this academic year

Wednesday: Homework and reading books to be returned.

Monday: PE - Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit

Thursday: PE Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit

Friday: Homework to be handed out

Important dates for your diary

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

P.E – Monday and Thursday

Children are taught P.E. twice each week. Please ensure that your child/children comes to school wearing the correct kit for these lessons. The kit is a plain or school logo white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/joggers and black sand shoes or trainers. Please also name each item in

your child's kit. You must include a warm jumper for your child during the colder months as PE will be outside unless the weather conditions are adverse.

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 plastic water bottle to school each day, clearly marked with their name. This should only contain water.

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.