

Simmondley Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It was lovely to meet some of you at our 'meet the teacher' event last term. If you couldn't make this event please feel free to introduce yourself to me before or after school on the playground. I hope you have had a great time over the holidays. The children have settled in very quickly and are working well as a team. I hope you find the following information useful.

Homework

Spellings are handed out weekly on Friday to be tested on the following Friday. English homework will be handed out on Friday, to be collected in on the following Thursday. The aim of our homework activities is generally to consolidate work learned in class and/or keep skills sharp (especially in Maths). Each piece of homework should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. If your child finds the homework difficult, please let us know by writing a note in their homework book. The majority of children will be given a Maths Workbook, they will be required to complete a section each week (there will be instructions given in each book). I will go over Maths homework with the children on Monday mornings, so it is important that it is handed in on time, the children can take their homework books back home on Mondays, so they have a week to complete it. Please come and see me if you are unsure what your child needs to do.

In addition, please encourage your child to read several times through the week. Fluent readers could read alone and then be asked questions about the text.

PE

PE will be twice a week. In the Autumn. Our indoor PE session will be on Mondays and outdoor PE and will be on Thursdays. Their outdoor kits can be brought in weekly. For children to participate in these lessons they must have outdoor PE kit in school. Please label all PE kit and uniform with your child's name. Thank you!

Clarinets

Each Year 5 child will receive clarinet lessons from specialist teachers every Tuesday this year. Details to follow shortly.

Curriculum

In the table below, you will find a broad outline of what we will be covering this term. If you have time it would be great if you could help your child do some research for our Science or History/Geography Topic.

Subject	Content
Writing	Significant authors, letter writing, explanations, adventure stories
Reading	Guided Group Reading session and daily reading tasks.
Mathematics	Place Value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, 3D shapes, measures and data, division and fractions
Science	Earth, Sun and Moon and the Solar System
ICT	Coding, word processing
Art/DT	Drawing Skills, Graffiti Art, 3D modelling
Geography	Coasts
Music	All year 5 children have the opportunity to learn clarinet through the Wider Opportunities Scheme
PE	Games Skills, Team building
French	Speaking French, greetings
RE	Faith expressed through the arts
PHSE	Being Me in My World

Subject specialists will be delivering aspects of Sport/Art and Design Technology, and our class is very excited to work with them. The wonderful Mrs Hunter will be supporting in Silver Birch this year too.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, or if there is anything you think we should know about them or their circumstances, please don't hesitate to come in and talk to me, or Mrs Hunter, so that we can work together to help them.

There's an exciting year ahead and we I am looking forward to teaching your children and working in partnership with you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ellison