

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 and we haven't already met, 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 made a great start to the new school year. I hope you find the following information useful.

Homework

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. **Spellings** are handed out weekly on Wednesday to be tested on the following Wednesday. **English** homework will be handed out on Friday, to be collected in on the following Thursday. The majority of children will be given a **Maths** Workbook; they will be required to complete a section each week. I will go over Maths homework with the children every Monday morning, so it is important that they have it in school then. They can take their Maths homework books back home on Monday, after we have marked it together, so they have a week to complete the next section. If your child finds the homework difficult, please let me know and do come and see me if you are unsure what your child needs to do.

It is important to promote a love of reading with your child. Please encourage your child to **read** several times through the week, this will increase their vocabulary, improve their concentration, writing, general knowledge and understanding of the world and themselves. Fluent readers could read alone and then be asked questions about their text.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursday and will be taken by On Target Sport coaches. 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 child will receive clarinet lessons from specialist teachers every Monday this year. Details to follow shortly. The clarinet is provided for them for 1 year.

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 Topics. A more detailed Curriculum Map will be on our website shortly.

Subject	Content
Writing	Significant authors e.g. Maz Evans and Frank Cottrell Boyce, Greek Myths, Recounts, 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, Properties and Changes in Materials
ICT	Coding – Speed, direction and coordinates, Online Safety
Art/DT	DT of Ancient Greece - The Labyrinth, The Parthenon, Making Clay Coil Pots
Geography	Climate Change
History	Ancient Greece
Music	All 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 , Celebrating Difference

Mr Ellison will be teaching all day on Wednesdays and Mrs Worrall and Mrs Hunter will also be supporting our class this year.

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

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Ellison