

Simmondley Primary School

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Friday 10th January

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you've all had a great time over the half term. The children have settled in quickly and are looking forward to their learning. We hope you find the following information useful.

Class Trips

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a suitable date for the Jodrell Bank trip last term however a specialist pottery workshop was arranged for the children instead, which they enjoyed very much, to support their learning about Ancient Greece. You should already have received a letter for the Whitehall Outdoor Activity day in July. Due to the cost of this trip being so high we have decided not to go to Styal Mill in the Summer Term as well because it is also an expensive trip. We have however booked a Victorian experience day in School on the 5th June. An actor works with the children using lots of different artifacts and activities. We're sure it will be great fun and it is at a much reduced cost (probably about £3 per child).

Homework

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, Maths workbooks are marked with the children every Monday. The aim of our homework activities is generally to consolidate work learned in class and keep skills sharp, also to help you be aware of the kinds of things we are working on in school. 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. 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 is on Thursday and Monday afternoon, lessons are provided by a sports coach. For children to participate in these lessons they must have indoor and outdoor PE kit in school.



Clarinets

Clarinet lessons for the whole class will continue this term, so the children need to have their clarinets in school on Monday. We look forward to seeing you at our concert on Monday 13th January.

Forest School

Forest School will continue this half term. Please let Mr Ellison know if you can help out at this session. We had some great helpers last term including two grandads, who were brilliant.

Class Helpers

We would like to extend a big thank you to our wonderful classroom helpers Mr and Mrs Williams, Mr Fennell and Mrs Fogell who bring so many skills to share with our children.

Class assembly

Thank you so much for supporting our Class Assembly and visiting our Ancient Greece Museum. The children enjoyed you taking part in the Greek Tasting experience and Pottery workshop.

Curriculum

Our Curriculum Map is on the website if you would like to know which topics we are covering this term. We are reading Wonder by R J Palacio as a class until Easter.

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 us, so that we can work together to help them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ellison, Mrs Davies and the Silver Birch Team

