

Welcome to Simmonds Class!

Autumn 1 2016



A warm welcome to all parents and children joining us this term at St. Barnabas.

We have spent a lovely three weeks so far, getting to know your children and finding out about their interests, likes and dislikes!

Our Learning

At the beginning of the term we spent time together as a class, thinking about what we would like to learn about this year. The children came up with lots of interesting and exciting ideas.

Our learning is planned from these ideas and any other interests that we have during the year. This enables us to create a stimulating and varied curriculum that covers the interests and needs of all the children in Simmonds class.



Clothes

Please can you ensure that every item of school uniform, PE kit, coats and shoes are named.

Many thanks

PE Days

Our PE day will usually be Monday however, depending on the weather and topic we may occasionally change the day. Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school Monday to Friday just in case the day changes. Please could we also request that earrings are taken out on Monday for PE.

Thank you



Help needed!

We are thoroughly enjoying our Creative Workshop, in particular the modelling area. Please could you help us by bringing in small empty boxes, tubes, plastic bottles, lids and anything else you think we could be creative with!

(No toilet rolls and egg boxes please)
Thank you!

Activities at Home/ Homework

Reading Books - As we begin reading with the children in school we will start to send home Guided Reading books for your child to read to you. These should then be sent back into school to be changed by an adult in Foundation Stage. Please ensure that these books are in their book bag every day.

Phonics – Every week we will send home a sheet to tell you about the letter sounds and names we have been learning. Please encourage your child to tell you all about the letters they have been learning (sound and name) and see if they can make words out of the letters they have learnt so far by cutting them out and re-arranging them.

Tricky Words - Throughout the term we will also be sending home tricky words. These are for your child to learn how to read and then begin to write. As with the phonics letters, please feel free to cut these us and play games with them.

Wow Moments – We value highly your involvement in your child's learning journey. As part of our home school links, we encourage parents to celebrate 'Wow Moments' in their child's daily life. This is an opportunity for you to tell us all about something amazing that your child has done at home for us to celebrate in school. A more detailed letter will be coming home to explain this soon.