

Southcote Primary School



Welcome to Years
2,3 and 4

Our school day

The school day starts at 8.45am, when children will be greeted by their teacher and then taken into school to put away their belongings. Throughout the day children will be taking part in different lessons. They have a 15 minute break at 10.30am and an hour for lunch at 12.15pm. The school day finishes at 3.10pm where the children will be discharged by their teacher and collected by their parent/guardian/carer. If you are running late please contact the office. After school club and breakfast club are also available.



Curriculum

At Southcote, we firmly believe that children learn best when they are able to make connections in their learning. Each term we will be looking at a theme which will encompass many curriculum areas. We have chosen themes for this year which we feel will captivate the children's interest and their enthusiasm for learning and we are following the new curriculum. The children will also have the opportunity for different trips, visits and learning experiences throughout the year to support their learning. This year we are also lucky enough to have a dance and music teacher. They will be working with your child throughout the year and it will link in with the theme.

Themes

These are the themes that the children will be studying throughout the year. More details are outlined on the website under each Year group's long term plan.

Year 2

Term 1 - Jungles
Term 2 - Superheroes
Terms 3 and 4 - Bucket and Spade
Term 5 - Breaking News
Term 6 - Dragonology

Year 3

Term 1 - Come Dine with me
Term 2 - Buried Treasure
Term 3 - May the Force be with you
Term 4 - Book worms
Term 5 - Megastructures
Term 6 - Wild Woodlands

Year 4

Term 1 - The Iron Giant
Term 2 - Up Pompeii
Term 3 and 4 - All the World's a Stage
Term 5 and 6 - Rainforest



Expectations

We expect the children to behave themselves when they are at school and follow the schools behaviour policy. The children need to make sure they are wearing the correct school uniform and present themselves well. They need to remember to take care of their own personal belongings and bring in their school bag everyday with their reading diary, water bottle and packed lunch if required. Their PE kit should also be in school every day and swimming kit when required. Each child will have their own peg and tray for their belongings. Please make sure the children's clothes are labelled. We want the children to enjoy coming to school and have fun learning and be able to share their personal experiences with each other.

Performances

Year 2 will be performing a Christmas play in December.

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December 2015

Years 3 and 4 will be performing a play in Term 4.

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Details and ticket sales for these performances will be given out nearer the time.



Assessment - life without levels

Schools are no longer using level descriptors to track the children's progress and have been given the freedom to approach assessment without levels, developing their own means of assessing pupils' progress. At Southcote we are using target tracker. This is a complete assessment package which tracks pupil progress and attainment from Early Years through to Year 6 and it supports the new National Curriculum. As a parent you will no longer receive your child's level but you will still be kept up to date with the progress and attainment they are making.

Year 2 SATS

This year children in Year 2 will sit new SATs papers. At the end of Year 2 they will take SATs in Reading, English grammar, punctuation and Spelling and Maths. They will sit two reading papers, a short written task, a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, a spelling test and two maths papers. The tests will be administered in May 2016. Throughout the school year the children will be given plenty of support in class to prepare for these tests and we try to keep it as low key as possible. Please just continue to support your child at home with their reading, spelling and maths homework.

PE and Swimming

The children will either have PE or swimming every week and some terms they might have both. It is important that they have their PE kit in school every day in case the PE day changes. We are also lucky enough this year to have a dance teacher (Miss Dugay) so some terms the children will have her and the dance lessons will link in with the theme.

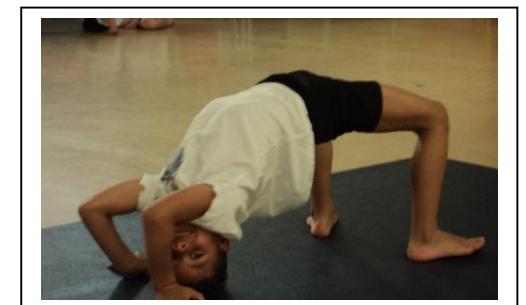
PE kit

Black trousers or shorts

White T-shirt

Black pumps/trainers

Tape is needed to cover earrings up or please remove your child's earrings on that day.



School contact details

If you need any further information or need to contact the school please feel free to contact the school on 0118 937 5533 or visit our school website. www.southcoteprimary.co.uk

Reading

The children are expected to read at home at least five times a week and this needs to be recorded in their reading diaries. When the children are able to we encourage them to try and write their own comment and review about the book they have read. Please make sure the children have their reading diaries in school every day so they can be checked and used in Guided Reading. The children will receive awards each term for reading five times or more



Spelling

The children will be given a set of spellings at the beginning of each term and each week they will have a different set of spellings that they need to learn. These spellings will be tested in school each week so please help your child to practice their spellings at home. A copy of the children's spellings will be sent home in their homework diaries and can also be found on the school website.

Year 2 spelling test will be every Wednesday

Year 3 spelling test will be every Monday

Year 4 spelling test will be every Monday



Maths

It is very important that the children are able to recite their number bonds and times tables quickly. This will help them in all areas of maths. The children will be having mental maths time every day as this is a very important part of the children's learning. There is also activities for the children to complete on 'mymaths' and 'educationcity'.

The children will also be tested very week on either their number bonds or times tables depending on what they need to learn. Your child's teacher will inform you on what they need to learn.

Homework

On top of learning their number bonds/times tables, reading at home and learning their spellings the children will have termly homework project that they need to do. Their homework project will link to the theme they are studying that term. We encourage the children to try and do as much of the project as they can on their own but with support and encouragement from family members. Homework projects are a nice opportunity for you to work with your child and learn about the terms theme.

Details and deadlines of the homework project will be stuck in their homework diary each term and can also be found on the school website.