

Simmondley Primary School

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Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all! Many thanks for all of the gifts and good wishes brought into school by the children. They were greatly appreciated! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for 2017!

This half term our general topic will be 'Exploring Materials' and 'Our Senses' I will be encouraging the children to come up with questions of their own that they would like to investigate, as well as discussing why certain things are made of certain materials. As part of our Geography topic we will be comparing a village in Ghana with our local environment. The priority as always, will be about making learning fun and relevant for the children.

In Maths, we will be identifying coins up to £1.00 and working with money in our class Toy Shop. We will be focussing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s this term and the Year One children will be writing simple number sentences using the addition and subtraction symbols.

We will continue to hear the children read every week. If your child has finished reading their book to you at home and you are confident that they have read with understanding, please encourage them to put the book in the white box in the cloakroom and I will try my best to change the book that day. If your child has finished their book with you, there are a range of skills that you could practise with them:

Comprehension Skills – talk about the story, how the characters might be feeling, whether your child liked the book or not and to think up a different ending.

Fluency – Practise reading a page or two several times to get the feeling of reading fluently and with expression.

Key word recognition – return to 'tricky' words and read them and write them several times.

Thank you for all of your support with your child's learning and I look forward to seeing you at our next Parents Consultation in March.

K Bruce



