

Simmondley Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a lovely summer.

In this first half term the children will be exploring the general topic of 'Transport'. As part of this topic we will be looking at changes in all different types of transport throughout history. The priority will as always be about making learning fun and involving children in their own learning.

Number work will involve counting, writing and recognising numbers to 100, using comparative language involving addition and subtraction and recognising the more formal addition, subtraction and 'equals' symbols. We shall explore the properties of shape and will make repeating patterns with a variety of materials. Within Year One, the children will start to do a daily session of 'minute maths', where they will see how many number sentences they can answer in a minute. The sheets will be sent home every Friday for you to practice with your child. Some children will be able to mentally solve the questions, whereas some children will still need practical objects to count with. Please don't worry if your child can only answer one or two questions within a minute, with daily practice you will see a tremendous progress in their mental mathematical ability overall.

Your child will be listened to read at least once a week by either myself or Mrs Kells, if you have read with them at home and they seem confident with their reading and are able to read the majority of words in a fluent manner then please encourage your child to put their books in the white box in the cloakroom and I will endeavour to change the book on that day. As well as individual reading, the children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions with a particular emphasis on vocabulary or phonic knowledge. Our library session will be on a Thursday afternoon, where the children can choose any book to read alongside you at home.

P.E. will take place every Tuesday and Thursday and we will be having a gymnastics session and a games session every week.

I look forward to meeting you all over the year and please don't hesitate to come in and see me if you have any worries at all.

Best wishes

K Bruce