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Dear Parents,

I am writing to communicate some of the changes that will take place surrounding your child's reading and phonics lessons for the rest of the academic year. Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.

Your child will continue to bring home the following:

- A library book – this is a book to be shared with, and read by you.
- A RWI core story book – they will have read this 3 times already in school, it is a book for them to read to you, demonstrating their fluency and provides another opportunity to practice their 'voice choice' as they read.
- A RWI book bag book – this is linked to the core story book, this book is new to them and should be read to you, allowing them vital opportunities to practice the skills and sounds taught in school.

A timetable at the end of this letter will detail when we aim to change these books each week.

Home Learning Expectations

We thought it would be helpful to summarize the homework tasks that will be sent home in a timetable. The timetable below details the days the home learning is set and expected completion day. We have suggested how these tasks could be spread across the week, into manageable short chunks of learning, rather than extended periods of home learning at a weekend that can become overwhelming for all concerned. However, we appreciate that every family is different and spending time together at a weekend completing home learning may work best for your family.

Creative Homework

Each half term you will continue to receive a Curriculum Newsletter linked to our topic. These newsletters are emailed to you from the school office within the first few weeks of the new term and are also posted on our school website. Within the newsletter there is a 'Things to do at Home' section, you will find a range of creative homework ideas for your child to select from. We would like them to complete one of these tasks in addition to reading and Maths Whizz. If they are keen to complete more than one task, that is equally acceptable. Allow your child to complete the homework task themselves (as much as possible) encourage them to use the cursive style handwriting, draw their own illustrations, build their own models etc. There will be a completion date to these tasks.



Visit to the Classroom

The children have loved learning about the Polar Regions this half term. They have created some wonderful work which they would like to share with you. We would like to invite you into class on Wednesday 1st March from 8:40 – 9:10 am to give you an opportunity to see their work on the walls, to look at their polar animals information books. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and hope to repeat this activity in the summer term too.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely

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Year 1 Suggested Home Learning Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Weekend
School Organisation			New RWI Core Book and Book Bag Book New 'pick your own' library book	New Reading Response Challenge set	
Reading Home Learning	Discuss the questions in the back of the RWI Core Book	Read RWI Book Bag Book	Read RWI Core Book and practice voice choice.	Complete Reading Response Challenge	Spend time enjoying your library book
Mathematics Home Learning	Maths Whizz (1 gem)	Maths Whizz (1 gem)	Maths Whizz (1 gem)	Maths Whizz (1 gem)	

