Reading - pupils will have an independent reading book which your child has already brought home. After October we try to develop pupil’s independence by encouraging pupils to place their reading diary and book in the reading tray when they need a new book. When you feel your child is ready for a new book please make a comment in their reading diary and encourage your child to hand their book in. We have received lots of new reading books for your child and the books have all been reorganised into book bands. Your child will receive books from the Oxford Reading Tree and books that are more phonics based. Please read with your child daily as this will improve their reading skills but also help with their writing as they may base some of their stories on the books they have read. Try and ask your child questions about their book such as “Why did Kipper feel sad?” “What could happen next in the story?” “What was your favourite part? Why?” This will improve your child’s reading comprehension skills and will help you check whether they have understood what they have read aloud to you.

Homework - Learning Logs - Will be given out on a Friday and must be handed in by the following Thursday - the pupils who meet this deadline will receive a sticker on their chart which goes towards earning a treat. Homework will alternate between a Maths, English or Topic based task. Also, on-going homework is always regular reading and practise of words and sounds.

Keywords: Children will have a key word folder with phase sheets and word sheets to match their ability - these are likely to be different numbers so don’t worry! Please practise these words with your child.

Phonic Screening - At the end of year 1 all pupils are assessed on their ability to read real and nonsense words to identify if they are meeting national expectations.

Routine for arrival/home time:

Doors will open at 8.45am. Children will be able to enter the classroom, through the year 1/2 playground and up the steps towards the Year 1 cloakroom, the children will complete some early morning activities. Parents can leave the school as soon as their child has entered the classroom. There will be an adult near the year 1/2 playground gate.

Home time is 3:15 pm and children leave through the gate from the year 1/2 outside learning area down the steps towards the playground, please clearly wave when you see your child and say your child’s name, just until I learn all the lovely parents and carers faces.

Cloakroom: PE Bags-drawstring please - not enough room on pegs for rucksacks
Children have a drawer to keep their book bag, and snack in.

All pupils need to have a named water bottle, please remember to encourage your child to bring it in every day. Remember children are only allowed water and not juice.

Snacks -Children can bring in a healthy snack from home to eat outside at break e.g. crisps, cereal bar, biscuit based item etc. Children can also buy tuck from the school kitchen in the hall.

Prices: 25p a day for a slice of toast or £1.25 for the week. This can be given to Miss Rajhan who will give tuck tokens at break time.

Remember named purse/wallet/envelope for tuck money which they give to Miss Rajhan at the beginning of the day. We cannot give any change for tuck money so please ensure your child has the correct money.

The children will still be provided with free fruit usually eaten in class but snacks are for outside at play.

Snacks from home need to be separate from lunchboxes. They must be kept in drawers so please send it in book bags or coat pockets in preparation for break time. The children will not be allowed to return to their lunchboxes.

Dinner—All children in Year 1 are entitled to receive a free school dinner.

Milk—Children can only have milk in Year 1 if they pay through Cool Milk, you will need to register with them and the children will collect their milk at break time.