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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school, we are now following a new Phonics and Reading scheme called 'Little Wandle: Letters and Sounds Revised.' I am writing to share some information with you regarding our Phonics sessions in class and also the individual reading you will be able to complete at home with your child. If you would like some more information such as how to pronounce each of the phonemes, you can access videos to support this on the 'For parents tab' at: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Your child will come home with a lilac book (which is wordless). The idea is that you develop their story telling language and vocabulary through using the pictures to tell a story. We are in the process of completing assessments after teaching the first block of the scheme and will then be allocating reading books appropriately. Your child will move on to a book with words when they can demonstrate that they are able to blend sounds together to read words containing the phonemes that have been taught so far. The goal is for children to read with 90% fluency in order to develop their confidence. This is to ensure that children can read the books with confidence rather than spending majority of their time stopping to decode each word. It is important to remember that children learn in different ways and at different rates, so children will be moved onto the next set as they are ready.



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In your child's book bag, you will find a reading record along with their reading book. We ask that you write a comment each time you read with your child to give us some information about their reading. Remember, it is important to read daily in short sessions to encourage a love of reading and also for children to develop their fluency and confidence.

Books will be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday. We have a basket for each class and ask the children to put their reading book in their reading record and place both of these in the appropriate class basket. We appreciate your support with this by asking you to encourage your child to place these books in their class basket and reminding them on the appropriate mornings.

If you have any questions regarding reading or Phonics, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind Regards,

Miss K Brown
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