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### Little Wandle Home Readers/Sharing Books

Dear Parents/Carers,

From this week, we will be changing over to our new reading system that matches with our Little Wandle Phonics and Reading programme that we use in school. Moving forward, your child will usually bring home two books each week; one of these will be their Little Wandle book and the other will be a sharing book that they have chosen as their reading for pleasure book. Below we have outlined the expectations for reading at home, along with providing you with an overview of the new reading system, which you may find is different to the system you have previously been used to.

#### Supporting Your Child with Reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

- A reading practice book (Little Wandle). This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. Your child should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A sharing book (Reading for Pleasure). Your child may not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

#### Reading Practice Book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level and links to our Little Wandle phonics/reading that they are covering in school. If your child is reading it with little help, **please don't worry that it's too easy** – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. This means that this book will be a 'cosy read'.

Listen to your child read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. Encourage them to use their voice that lends itself to the story (e.g. changing their tone if a character is reading). After they have finished reading, talk about the book together. If you want to extend their reading, you can find activities and focus areas in the covers of the book too.

Please encourage your child to read this book a number of times over the week which will encourage them to build up their fluency and practice any particular skills they have been thinking about in school.

**This book will be changed weekly.**

Once children have worked their way through our Phonics home readers, and assessments show they are ready, they will move onto our Big Cat Reading Fluency books which build around their fluency and words per minute. **These books may be changed less frequently due to their length (e.g. fortnightly).**

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### Sharing Book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together and supports the reading for pleasure.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

**This book will be changed once or twice weekly.**

### Reading Eggs

Children will also have access to Reading Eggs, this is an online reading tool. It supports each child's learning by offering individual, one-on-one lessons that allow children to progress at their own rate. Learning to read is an important skill for all children; the Reading Eggs program is all about bringing out the best in each child. The program has been developed by a highly experienced team of educational teachers, writers and developers. The Reading Eggs program focuses on a core reading curriculum of phonics and sight words using skills and strategies essential for sustained reading success. It supports what children learn at school and will help to improve your child's results at school.

### Recording Your Child's Reading

Please use your child's reading diary to record any reading that they have done at home; this can be reading material from school, home or their online reading. Reading books and reading diaries should be brought into school every day.

### Reading Folder

To help preserve the quality of our Little Wandle home reading books, we have provided your child with a reading folder to keep their book and their reading diary in. Please ensure that this is used and sent into school each day to enable us to make sure that our books are cared for and looked after, ready for the next child to use.

If you would like further information on, or if you have concerns about your child's reading, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Appointments can be made by contacting the school office and teachers will be happy to speak with you about your child's reading.

Thank you for your continued support,

**S. Nicholls**

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