



Wednesday 19th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are introducing a new phonics scheme across EYFS and KS1 called Little Wandle Letters & Sounds revised programme, based on the original Letters and Sounds scheme. This meets all the expectations of the National Curriculum, and prepares your child to go beyond the expectations of the Phonics Screening Check.

Your child will continue to have a daily phonics lesson where they will practise such skills as phoneme grapheme correspondence, blending and segmenting. They will also have opportunities for group reading, where they will practise their decoding and comprehension skills.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home each week:

- A phonics book - this will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A sharing book - your child will need support to read this. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Phonics book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. 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. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

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. 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!

For this term, books will be given out on a **Thursday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**.

For more information about our new scheme, please visit the website where there is a parent section with information and videos on how to support your child. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>. If you have any questions about phonics, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

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