

Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning in Reception and Year 1 is very much 'reading' based. Our system is changing this year due to the adoption of our new Reading and Phonics Program called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. Please pencil in Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September as a date for a Phonic and Reading meeting to update you of the changes. The first session will run at 2:15pm where we will continue to provide childcare for your children, and a second session at 6pm (minus the childcare).

In all classes in Key Stage 1, all reading books AND Yellow Reading Records will be collected on a **Thursday** and **returned to you on a Friday**. **Teachers will respond to your child's reading in the Yellow Reading Record at this time.** We would hope to see at least 3 parent comments a week, to see that our children are reading regularly at home, as well as in school.

As part of the Little Wandle Scheme, children will have 3 reading practice sessions in class, allowing them to become experts in their class book. This book will be assigned to your child on our new ebook subscription with Collins each Friday. (This is different to Oxford Reading Buddy). This is a book to really celebrate with your child as they should be fluent and confident reading it to you.

**The first Friday this will be available for Reception will be: 7.10.22 (As Reading Practice does not begin until then).**

**The first Friday this will be available for Year 1 will be: 23.9.22.**

**As we value the feel of 'physical books' we will also give 3 books per week. It is a new system that may take a while to get used to, but we are hopeful it will give the best reading opportunities!**

Here are the 3 different book types:

### I can read to you!

*This is matched to my phonic level*



A book from our old book stock, which will match your child's current phonic knowledge: They should be able to use their phonic knowledge to read this to you.

These will be added to book bags on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September as we are still assessing levels.

### Share with me!

*I will need your help*



A 'Share with me' which will have some words or sounds your child may know, but they may need some help. There is no expectation they can read this book independently- great if they can though!

### Read to me!

*I love to enjoy a story*



A 'Read to me' book which will be a 'book corner' book that allows our children to get to know different authors and enjoy 'real' stories. These books are for you to read aloud to your child and we hope they will ignite a love of stories

Please feel free to ask your child's teacher any questions, should you have any and ensure reading records are always in your child's book bag, as teachers may need them at any time.

Year 1 will also be given a Mathletics task to complete online. Please remember that children only receive a Mathletics certificate when they reach Silver or Gold levels and these will be awarded in our 'Celebration Assembly' on a Friday. (You are welcome to print bronze certificates at home).

Thank you so much for your patience at this time of transition in reading.

The Reception and Year 1 Teams