



13th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year One: Little Wandle Reading Expectations

Phonics books

From Wednesday 14th September, we will be sending you home login details for our brand-new Little Wandle phonics books, which you will access as an e-book on a website.

We ask that you practise the phonics e-book with your child, a minimum of once every week. 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.

Children will practise with the same phonics book in their learning at school. All children in Year One will be reading in a small group to an adult, three times every week, using the e-book allocated to them for that week. This is called 'Reading Practice'.

As we start our Little Wandle journey, we are currently only able to provide you with a digital e-book. In the future, we are hoping to be able to increase our book stock to enable us to send home a physical copy of the book as well.

We appreciate that some parents have access to a smaller device (such as a mobile phone), or do not have access to technology at home. We will be offering a 'Reading Breakfast' weekly session from Thursday 22nd September at 8.25am. We will be limiting spaces to 20 per session, in the Lower School hall. Spaces will be on a first come, first served basis.

Sharing books

To encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. Their 'sharing book' is a physical book they have chosen from our library for you to enjoy together.

We ask that parents continue to share this library book with their child, a minimum of three times weekly. Your class teacher will place your child's chosen book in their book bag.

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, and explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

At the end of every reading session, please record any reading your child has done in your child's reading diary. There should be at least four diary entries, in total, at the end of the week, recording reading from either their phonics book or their sharing book.

Yours Sincerely,

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