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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to How we Teach Reading in Year 1

Please find below the key information shared for anyone that was unable to attend the Phonics Information session last week. We have recently purchased a new reading scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to bring our reading approaches in line with new guidance.

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

- **A reading practice book**- This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently (with around 95% accuracy).
- **A sharing book – from the library.** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level.

The Reading Practice Book:

This book has been carefully matched to your child's secure phonetic knowledge. Children will have read this at school at least twice before it is sent home. Please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! After they have finished, talk about the book together.

- This will be sent home on a **Thursday** and **must be returned the following Monday**. Children will need to use these in their reading sessions at school.
- There will be a **£5 charge** for **lost books after 2 weeks**.

Please continue to record reading at home in your child's reading record.

The Sharing Book:

The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, model using different voices for the characters. This will be chosen by the children and can stay at home for duration of the week.

Support for Parents

Little Wandle have a helpful parents section on their website (link below) which includes videos to show you how we pronounce the sounds. You will also find some useful documents to support reading and spelling at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Yours sincerely

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