



Dear Parents/Carers,

Little Wandle reading books

As you may be aware, we received a grant from the English Hub to support our implementation of our new Little Wandle phonics scheme. You can find more about this here: <https://www.petersfield.cambs.sch.uk/site/pages/pageReact.php?page=phonics&t=1696744419>

With this grant, we have purchased new books to match our new phonics scheme. We have just placed an order for additional books required in school. These books are being used in EYFS and KS1 initially to support children's learning and develop their enthusiasm for reading. We have worked hard to ensure that all children have access to a range of new and high quality books which are matched to the Little Wandle phonics programme and that pupils can take home.

From this week, children reading books from the Little Wandle programme will be allocated a book each week by their class teacher based on their reading level. A new book will be issued to them on a weekly basis and it is the book that the children will have read in their reading group in school. It should come back into school the following week ready for the children to take their next book home.

The Little Wandle programme requires that the children receive a decodable book that matches the sounds they have learnt and that they re-read the same book multiple times over the week. When children read and reread the book – at school and at home – the key reading skills they are developing are:

- decoding,
- prosody – reading with meaning, stress and intonation
- comprehension – understanding the text.

More information to support parents can be found here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This website includes information for parents about phonics, how we teach and about the books coming home. In particular the website explains that the book sent home has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level and suggests that 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.

Please listen to them read the book as often as possible, ideally daily. 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, please talk about the book together.

Children will also bring home a Reading for Pleasure book that is for you to read to them and share with them.

As a supplement to the Little Wandle texts, we have access to E-books which can also be allocated to your child – more details and the logins will follow soon.

Please do look ask your child's class teacher if you require any further information. We are planning further sessions for parents after half term.

Caring for books

Please ensure your child looks after their books. They should not tear or crease the pages, bend the spines back or deface the pages by drawing or writing on them and - most important of all - keep books away from leaking water bottles. A lot of time and money has been spent providing these top quality books and we need your support to ensure that every child is able to benefit in the long term.

Lost or damaged books

We want to ensure all children get the best resources to support a key part of their education and learning. The Government required systematic, synthetic phonics programme resources are unfortunately not cheap and we require sets of books for each group to read. Therefore in line with many other schools, so that we can continue to provide top quality books, any child with an overdue book will not be allowed to take a new book home until the overdue one is returned or paid for. Charges of £5 will be levied for any lost or damaged books as this charge will go towards replacing the book. If a lost book is subsequently found, and is in good condition, your payment will be refunded. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Please do alert your child's classteacher to any lost or damaged books immediately.

If you have any questions please do speak to your child's teacher or me.

Kind regards,

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We are a small rural school with deeply held Christian values which motivate and inspire us to provide a rich and diverse education

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

