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Helping Your Child to Read

Dear Parents

Today, your child has brought home two books:

1. A Reading Practice Book

This book is linked to our phonics scheme *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds*. These books are carefully selected to match your child's current phonics level, based on recent assessments.

Wordless Books: At the beginning of Reception, children start with wordless books. Please share these with your child, encouraging them to explore the pictures and talk about what they see. Look for smaller details, ask questions, and enjoy the storytelling process together. In school, your child will be learning to blend sounds and words through phonics and group reading sessions.

Books with Text: As your child progresses, they will start to bring home books with words. Your child should be able to read these fluently and independently. If your child is reading the book easily, that's perfect – it means the book is well matched to their ability. The goal is to build confidence and fluency. Please listen to them **read it again and again** and praise their efforts

Please note: Reading practice books will be sent home every **Thursday** and must be returned by the following **Thursday**. These books are part of a set, so returning them on time ensures other children can also enjoy them.

2. A Sharing Book

This book comes from the class / school library and is meant for you to read together. Your child will likely not be able to read it independently. The focus here is on enjoying reading for pleasure.

- Talk about the pictures.
- Predict what might happen next.
- Use expressive voices for different characters.
- Explore facts if it's a non-fiction book.
- Most importantly, enjoy this quality time together.

Sharing books can be changed **as often as needed**.

How You Can Support at Home

To find more information about what your child will be taught and how you can support their reading journey, please visit:

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

10 Top Reasons Why Reading is Important:

1. It builds a rich and extensive vocabulary.
2. It improves academic performance, especially in reading, speaking, writing, and spelling.
3. It stimulates imagination.
4. It nurtures creativity.



5. It helps children develop empathy.
6. It deepens their understanding of the world.
7. It improves concentration.
8. It strengthens the bond between parent and child.
9. It supports cognitive development.
10. It enhances social skills and interactions.

Thank you for your continued support in this crucial and rewarding stage of your child's development. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

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