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Dear Parents,

Helping your child to read

Reading practice books will be sent home on a Thursday and collected back in the following Thursday. This will happen in both Antony and Wenzel Class. **Please** make sure that these books are returned, as they are part of a set and will be needed by other reading groups.

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

1. **A reading practice book:** This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. He/she **should be able to read this fluently and independently.** This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level based in most recent assessments. If your child is reading it with little help, **please do not worry that it is too easy** – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book; remember to give them lots of praise. As children become more fluent readers they will move from Little Wandle phoned books onto fluency books. At this stage fluency books will not be sent home; instead your child will be supported to select an appropriate book from the school library that he/she will be able to read.
2. **A sharing book.** This book is from the class / school library. Your child **will not be able to read this on his/her own.** This book is for you to read together for pleasure. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. Enjoy this time together.

Please follow the link below to find information on **what your child will be taught and when and how you can support them at home.**

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

Sharing Books can be changed as frequently as required.

A reminder of the 10 top reasons why reading is important:

1. Your child's vocabulary becomes larger and more extensive.
2. They perform better academically, especially in reading, speaking, writing & spelling
3. Their imagination can run wild.
4. Their creativity skills develop.
5. They develop empathy.
6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
7. Their concentration levels improve.
8. It improves bonds between parent and child
9. Their cognitive development is supported.
10. Their social skills and interactions improve

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support in this crucially beneficial stage on your child's development.

Please do ask if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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Class Teacher