

Reading Newsletter – Summer Term.

“What is a bookshelf other than a treasure chest for a curious mind?”

Welcome to this term's Reading newsletter!

Well, what a year we have had and how time flies... We are now a whole year into delivering our new phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised. The staff have had a very busy year attending training and becoming familiar with the new scheme. As well as delivering daily reading and phonic sessions in F2 and KS1, staff have been delivering Rapid Catch-up sessions to some children in KS2. We are incredibly delighted with the progress the pupils have made and in F2 and KS1, we have seen a real improvement in pupils' decoding and comprehension skills. All pupils have gained confidence which has resulted in children developing a love of reading, and this was always our goal. We have been incredibly proud of the children in Y1, who have worked hard to pass the phonics screening check and our results have increased by 13% from last year. This is down to the hard work and dedication from our staff, pupils, and parents.

Our aim as a school is for all staff and children to 'keep growing and constantly improve'. In September all staff will attend refresher training for Little Wandle along with our Senior Leadership Team. This is essential to ensure the teachers and leaders are up to date with the phonics programme and any changes Little Wandle may make. We are also delighted to welcome some new members to our team, Miss H Reeve, Mrs J Evans, and Miss S Carrigan who will all attend Little Wandle training during the Autumn term.



Exciting things to come... Little Wandle have been updating their programme and they have written a fluency programme for years 2 and 3, as well as a spelling programme. For our pupils who graduate from Little Wandle, we have purchased brand new inspirational books written by well-known authors. The books are designed to teach all aspects of reading and help our children become readers for life! The books progress in fluency and are designed for a reading speed of 60 words per minute (the expected level at the end of the Little Wandle programme). The spelling programme builds from phase 5 and covers national curriculum requirements.

This term we have held two reading assemblies to celebrate pupils achievements in reading. These children were lucky enough to have their reading raffle tickets drawn, which allowed them to choose a book, of their choice, from our fantastic book vending machine. This reward system will continue in September and more books will be purchased to ensure our vending machine is never empty but instead always full of exciting books to engage and encourage our children. In September, we will choose four new Reading Champions from each class and choosing a range of books for the machine will be their first project!



We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to continuing our reading journey in September.

Keep Reading!!!!

“Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.”

Napoleon Bonaparte

Kind regards

The English Team.