



**OULTON FIRST SCHOOL**  
*Hand in hand Learning together*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new phonic and reading scheme is called Little Wandle, a scheme which has been validated by the Department for Education with the aim of teaching phonics and early reading skills.

All our staff have received training on the implementation of the scheme and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent information session on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 6-7pm**. **It is important that parents with pupils in Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 attend this session.**

Now that we have more resources, you will notice some changes in the books, which your child brings home each week. One book will be sent home which will be the book your child has been learning from in school during the week. This book is key to reading practice as it is the one linked to our new scheme for teaching phonics and reading. This book will contain all of the sounds that your child is already familiar with and the new sounds they have learnt that week. These books are called *reading practice books*.

The following passages are taken directly from Little Wandle to help parents and carers understand the purpose and intention of how the reading practice books are to be used to support your child at home.

### Reading practice books

Parents' or carers' support is needed to help their child practise reading and develop fluency with a book they have already read at school. This book needs to be matched to their phonic stage and be fully decodable. To ensure that reading at home is an enjoyable experience and does not feel like a chore, schools need to send home reading practice books in which the child can read 95% of the words.

The children should be able to read the practice book with developing confidence and fluency without any significant help. The parent/carer's role is to listen with interest and, most importantly, to encourage and praise, enthusiastically acknowledging the child's achievement (even if, at the early stages, this is only small).

Your child will also bring home a book of their choice, which is called a 'sharing book'. The following passage is from Little Wandle documentation explaining the role of this book in developing a child's love of reading which is so important.

### Sharing Books

If children are to become lifelong readers, it is essential that they are encouraged to read for

pleasure. The desire of wanting to read will help with the skill of reading. To help foster a love of reading, children should take a book home that they can share and enjoy with their parent/carer.

Involving the children in the choice of this book is important. These books offer a wealth of opportunities for talking about the pictures and enjoying the story. It is important to offer a variety of books, including non-fiction, so they can enjoy a range of writing. Parents/carers need to understand that they should not expect their child to read this book independently and certainly should not try to get their child to do so. The book is for the parent/carer to read to or with the child. The goal is enjoyment.

The Little Wandle reading practice book and the sharing book applies to Class 1 and Class 2 only. The same reading practice book will be used for a whole week and should be read each day it is sent home, including weekends and remain in your child's book bag. Sharing books can be changed as soon as you have enjoyed sharing it with your child. These books will be recorded in your child's reading diary and a stamp given. Pupils in these classes will also be bringing home a weekly library book.

Class 3 pupils will be bringing home a reading book, part of which should be read to parents every night. They will also be bringing a library book home.

If any books are misplaced at home then parents will incur a charge of £5.00 so the book can be replaced.

We have added a new [Little Wandle](#) tab onto the curriculum area of our school website which you may wish to visit prior to the meeting next week. We will continue to add new content over the coming weeks.

Any questions or queries will be answered in the Little Wandle parent information session next Wednesday.

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