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"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."
John 10:10

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Little Wandle reading at home

Information for parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Little Wandle reading books and reading at home

We are pleased to let you know that, as part of our continued implementation of Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will now bring home Little Wandle reading books to support practice at home. These books are carefully matched to the sounds your child has been taught and to their current reading stage.

In school, children read the same book three times during their reading practice sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each read has a different purpose:

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Read 1: Decoding – using phonics to read the words.

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Read 2: Prosody – reading more smoothly, accurately and with expression.

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Read 3: Comprehension – talking about the book and understanding what it means.

On Thursday, your child will bring home the matched reading book they have already practised in school. Re-reading the same familiar, decodable book at home helps children to build confidence, fluency and understanding.

Children will also bring home a second book: a Reading for Pleasure book. This book is chosen for interest and enjoyment and is there for you to share together. It is not expected to be fully decodable.

1. Matched reading book

Carefully matched to the sounds your child has been taught and their current reading stage. This is the book to practise reading at home.

2. Reading for Pleasure book

Chosen for interest and enjoyment. This is a book to share together and enjoy. It is not expected to be fully decodable.

Please see page 2 for how you can help at home and important information about returning books.



Further guidance for supporting reading at home

How you can help at home

- Aim for 10–15 minutes each evening.
- Keep reading time positive, calm and encouraging.
- Let your child try using the sounds they know.
- If they get stuck after trying, tell them the word so that the reading can keep flowing.
- Praise effort and re-read the same book to build confidence.
- Talk together about the story, characters, pictures and any new vocabulary.
- Developing a love of reading is just as important as practising the words.

Reading log / communication book

Please complete the reading log / communication book so that home and school can work in partnership. Your comments help us to celebrate success, spot any concerns and support your child well.

Returning books

The matched Little Wandle book and the reading log should be returned to school on Monday, ready for the new reading groups that begin on Tuesday. Please return books promptly, as they are shared and used by other children in guided reading groups.

Looking after books

Please help your child to keep books clean, dry and in good condition. These books are specialist school resources and are used by several children. Returning books on time and in good condition helps the next reading groups to begin smoothly.



Further support

More information for parents can be found on the Little Wandle website:
www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

If you have any questions about your child's phonics, reading or how best to support reading at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
EYFS and KS1 Team

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey at home.