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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school, we have invested in the new Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Programme in order to meet the DfE guidance about teaching phonics using a systematic and robust synthetic phonics programme. From this week, the children will bring home a reading practise book, matched to your child's phonic stage that they can read independently, along with a sharing book that they can talk about and enjoy with you. It is important that all children practise their reading at home in order to become fluent, confident readers. We would like you to help support your child practise their reading, and develop their fluency, with a book they have already read at school. If your child could not decode this book, it would lead to frustration for your child and yourself. Therefore, the decodable book that your child brings home should be easy for them to read. Your child will keep this practice book for a whole week to develop their confidence and fluency.

Your role at home is to listen with interest and, most importantly, to encourage and praise, acknowledging your child's achievement (even if, at the early stages, this is only small). After your child has read their book, it may be helpful to talk about the book, but only so far as your child is interested. You should keep the experience positive and avoid turning it into a test.

If children are to become lifelong readers, it is essential that they are encouraged to read for pleasure. To help foster a love of reading, your child will bring a book home that interests them that they can share and enjoy with you; please understand that you should not expect your child to read this book independently, it is for you to enjoy sharing with your child.

It is essential that your child has their practice book and reading diary in school **every day**. Each practice book forms a part of a brand new set of books and if any were not returned to school or lost, it would affect our ability to teach other groups of children in the future.

We will be hosting workshops for parents in the school hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 4.30pm – Nursery

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm – Reception

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm - Year 1

These sessions will give us the opportunity to explain more about the Little Wandle Programme and to discuss how you can best support your child with their reading at home.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about your child's reading please speak to their class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L de Graaff

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