



Hello,

Just a quick note about reading. We are in the process of changing how we read with the children in school and as a result reading at home will look a little bit different.

Supporting your child's reading

The children have been placed into reading groups matched to their phonic ability. They will read in a small group with an adult 3 times a week.

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are TWO types of books your children will bring home.

READING PRACTICE BOOK: this has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please do not worry that it's 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 - celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

SHARING BOOK (Reading for pleasure book): In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong learner, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen from our school library to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect them to read this on their own. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for characters, and explore the facts in the non-fiction books. The main thing is that you have fun together!

We will collect in the decodable, phonics book on a Wednesday and the children will bring home a library book. A new phonics book will come home on Thursdays.

We will be assessing the children every 6 weeks, so reading books may change phase from time to time according to the assessment outcome.

For more information about your child's phonics, please follow the link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

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