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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce we have purchased a new phonics scheme alongside a new recommended reading scheme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revisited'.

### Phonics

Children will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons; 4 direct teaching sessions and a weekly review on a Friday. Throughout the day the children will spend time reinforcing and consolidating the focus of the daily lesson. There will be opportunities for group and 1:1 support for those children needing additional support.

### Reading

Children are taught reading through three reading practices a week. Each reading practice session has a clear focus, so that the demands of the session do not overload the children's working memory. The reading practice sessions have been designed to focus on three key reading skills:

- o decoding
- o prosody: teaching children to read with understanding and expression
- o comprehension: teaching children to understand the text.

### Supporting your child with home reading

The decodable reading practice book will be taken home to ensure **success is shared** with the family. Each reading practice book has been carefully matched (to a 90%-95% fluency rate) to your child's current reading level. After taking part in 3 reading practice sessions at school, children will bring the book home to read to you. Your child should be able to read this to you with little or no help. All children need to develop fluency and confidence in reading and showing you how well they are doing will encourage this. Books will be changed once children have completed the next reading practice session the following week.

Reading for pleasure books also go home for parents to share and read to children. These are as important, if not more so, than the decodable books. These books should be read and shared with children to build up their love of stories and to help them learn exciting new vocabulary.

If you have any questions please do email us or speak to us,

Kind regards,

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