



Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
 It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
 It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

Dear Parents/Carers

Our school has chosen the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Systematic Synthetic Phonics Programme to use in our teaching and learning of phonics and early reading. Phonics will continue to be taught daily in 20-30-minute sessions, followed by group reading practice sessions three times a week. As this scheme is new to our school, you will notice some changes in the readings books your child brings home in the coming weeks.

Decodable reading books

It is really important that children build confidence when learning to read. During our reading practice sessions at school, children will read the same fully decodable book three times in one week. The books are matched to your child's phonic stage. They are fully decodable to allow children to concentrate **just** on the skill of decoding and blending to read words.

Once your child has read the book three times in school, the same book will be sent home for them to practise. They should now be confident to read this book independently at 95% fluency. **It is vitally important for your child to practise this book at least three times at home with you.** It builds their confidence, fluency and automaticity in recognizing tricky words and recently taught graphemes. Your child should be able to read every word in the book they bring home and they should not need to decode many words.

As each book will be sent home after three reading sessions in school, your child will now bring home one decodable book per week every Wednesday.

Shared reading books

In addition to their decodable reading book, your child will bring home a book which you can share together. This could be a library book or a recommended read. Sharing this book together will promote reading for pleasure and ultimately build a lifelong love of reading. Your child is not expected to read this book independently; you can read it to your child or share the reading together. If you notice some tricky words or graphemes that were also in your child's decodable book, you can point them out and discuss them with your child.

Save the Date!

You are invited to a reading performance by the children in Rabbits Class and Badgers Class, followed by a phonics and early reading information talk on Monday 7th March at 3pm. During this talk, further information about our new phonics scheme and how to help your child read at home will be provided.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

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Reading Leader

