



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Changes to How we Teach Reading at Knypersley in EYFS and KS1

Following recent government guidance we have invested in 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' to teach early reading skills in our school. This change will impact the way phonics and reading are taught at school. All changes will have a positive effect on the children's learning and we are excited to implement this scheme.

The children will have daily phonics as normal, alongside reading practice sessions at school three times a week. This will differ from our previous individual reading, to now becoming group reading sessions. Staff will no longer be commenting in home school links books in the same way as before, however detailed records are kept in school and every six weeks a 1:1 assessment will take place and be commented upon in the Home School Links book.

There are three types of reading book that your child will bring home:

- **A reading practice book –Collins Big Cat E Book (Coming soon!)** The books that accompany the scheme are fully decodable and matched to what is being taught in the lessons. The children will be allocated the same book that they are reading in their practice sessions, and these will be allocated on the Collins website once a week. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child- if your child is reading it with little help, please don't 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. As part of our homework policy we recommend that children read for 5-10 minutes each night. Please can you continue to record this reading session in your child's Home/ School Links book.
- **A sharing book (sticker on the front).** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.
- **A library sharing book.** The third book will be from our library as a 'high quality text' which we ask you to read to the children and share the pleasure of a book together. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Support for Parents

Further Support can be found via this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The resources on the above link will also help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos which demonstrate how they are taught phonics and reading at school.

We are holding two Little Wandle reading and phonics parent workshops on Thursday, 4th October at 9.15am and 6pm where more in depth information about reading at Knypersley will be shared and any questions answered. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher via their class email or weekly drop in session.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support,

Mrs C Egerton
English Leader and Assistant Headteacher