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## Phonics and Early Reading

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. This year brings some changes to Wraysbury's approach to Phonics teaching and Early Reading. It's very exciting for us as a school and we hope you will enjoy the changes we are making to help your children to develop secure reading skills they can celebrate and be proud of.

### **Phonics**

Next week we begin teaching daily Phonics and will be using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' for all our teaching. To find out more information about how the sounds are taught please visit the following website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/> you can then click on the 'For Parents' tab. Here you will find videos to demonstrate the sounds taught in each term and also how to teach reading tricky words and blending.

Please feel free to speak to myself or your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### **Reading**

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

#### **Reading practice book**

This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child and will be carefully matched to your child's current reading level. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. 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.

Practice books will come home towards the end of the week and will need to be returned on a



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Monday morning.



## **Sharing book**

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. Read it to or with them. 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!

Look out for more information as we progress through the programme.

Kind regards,

Mrs Broadway

KS1 Reading Leader

