



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware we are starting to use the phonics scheme "Little Wandle" to develop the children's Early reading skills.

As this is a new scheme we have decided to temporarily stop adding new sounds to the little red "Letters and sounds" homework book that your child has been bringing home each week. For the moment, please keep this book in your child's reading folder in their school bag and keep practising recognising the graphemes (letters) and saying the phonemes (sounds) correctly. We hope to continue to add new graphemes into the book in the near future. We are also going to collect in the yellow phonics homework book (if

your child has one) and will be considering how best to develop homework in line with the new scheme.

At the moment, your child will continue to receive one reading book each week and you should encourage your child to blend the words in the book or read tricky words off by heart. The aim of your child's reading book is to encourage them to read as fluently as they can, which means that the book should be "easy" for them to read.



We also would like to remind you that the reading book is the book that **your child** needs to read five times a week and not the sharing book. Even though it is important to develop an enjoyment of books our aim is to get the children to become confident, independent readers.

Mrs Brunlett and Mrs Johnson will be holding a workshop in the next few weeks to explain more about "Little Wandle" and phonics but in the meantime, if you have any problems with the book or reading in general, please do not hesitate to contact us or write a message in their reading diary.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Reception Team