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Dear families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a very Happy New Year! This term we are embarking on a new journey to improve standards of teaching and learning in phonics and reading. We have purchased the phonics scheme Little Wandle and all school staff took part in comprehensive training in order to deliver it effectively as part of the INSET day on Monday 6th January.

We have also made a great investment in brand new Harper Colins reading books which perfectly match what will be taught in phonics lessons and we are changing our approach to teaching reading to better support your children in becoming fluent and confident readers.

Our new reading scheme includes 6 copies of each book. Children will have 3 reading practise lessons each week in groups of 6. After their third reading practise lesson the children will bring their book home to read. At this point, we would expect the children to be reading at about 95% fluency which means that they read more than 9 out of 10 words by sight rather than sounding out each word. You may begin to feel that your child's book is too easy, however books are carefully selected to ensure that they can read fluently! More information about how you can support fluency, prosody and comprehension at home is available on the Little Wandle website.

It is vital that you and your child take care of these books and return them on the day set by the class teacher as they need to be used in school by the next group. Unfortunately, we will need to ask for payment for any books which are not returned. The cost of each book is £6.99.

Your child will also bring home a book for pleasure from the school library. This is a book for you to read with your child and we don't expect for them to be attempting to read it themselves. You may be wondering about reading certificates. Every time your child reads their reading scheme book and every time you read the library book together, please record this in their reading diary as it counts towards earning a reading certificate.





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We are excited to see the impact that our new scheme will have on the children and look forward to sharing more with you as the term progresses.

We would love for you to join us for our parent meeting in school on Monday 20th January at 3.30pm to find out more about supporting your child with their reading and for us to answer any of your questions about this new scheme. We are happy for children to come along with you and there will be books available at the back for them to sit and read. We are anticipating that the meeting will be around 15-20 minutes. Please do come along and hear about this exciting new scheme that we are launching.

In the meantime, please check out the Little Wandle website by following this link.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

There are useful videos which show you how to pronounce letter sounds correctly, an overview of phonics progression, information videos about how we teach phonics and some guidance about how parents can support reading at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Dixon

