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Dear Parents/Carers,

Little Wandle Reading Practice Books

I am writing to inform you about an exciting development in our Little Wandle journey and how we will be improving our home reading books.

We have seen remarkable success with our little Wandle reading and phonics scheme throughout the whole school. To further embed and enhance our children's reading ability, fluency and confidence, we will be sending home new, decodable phonics practice books. These books have been carefully matched to your child's reading level. It is our belief that reading practice at home plays a vital role in enhancing your child's literacy skills and overall academic development. The new books are from the Little Wandle collection and will be different to phonics books previously sent home. Your children will also practice reading the same book in school. This is to build on reading fluency and confidence.

Reading books in R and KS1

In years R-2 a **decodable phonics practice book will be sent home on a Thursday and must be returned to school on a Monday.** Books must be returned promptly as they will need to be used in school reading sessions.

Children will also have a **'Sharing book'** which can be changed when the book is complete. The Sharing book is a book to be read together to promote a love of reading and to enhance children's storytelling skills and vocabulary- your child is not expected to read this independently.

More information will be shared about these reading books in a separate letter, and you will be invited into school for a reading workshop.

The new books have been purchased at significant cost to the school so that children have access to high quality phonics reading books at home. Therefore, it is essential that we ensure their safekeeping. We expect parents and carers to take responsibility for any loss or damage to these books. **In result of any unrepairable damage, we will ask that you please cover the cost of replacing the book.** Across KS1, many phonics practice books have previously been returned to school in an unreadable manner- on many occasions water damaged, ripped and completely unusable. We ask that you please do not store your child's water bottle in the same bag as your child's school reading book. Thank you for your support in taking responsibility for these reading books while they are in your child's possession.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in your child's reading journey.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. Marcks
English Leader