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Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We are writing to update you about our Little Wandle reading provision. As previously mentioned, Little Wandle is a phonetic approach to reading that addresses any gaps in children's learning. The Little Wandle approach encourages children to go back and consolidate unfamiliar sounds in order to build a solid foundation for future learning and to be confident and successful readers. It is a holistic approach which will also have a positive impact on their spelling and writing skills.

From next week, we will again start sending home a phonics book matched to your child's reading level. This will be the same book that your child has been reading at school Monday-Wednesday of that week. Books will be sent home every **Wednesday** and should be returned on a **Monday**.

Your child's book will have been selected based on their phonic assessment and they should be reading their book mostly independently and with confidence. This allows us to promote their fluency, comprehension and reading aloud with expression. The children are regularly assessed to ensure that they are reading texts to develop the skills that are specific to them and their progress. Please do not worry if your child is bringing home a wordless book. These books are specially selected to develop children's language and build their vocabulary until they start blending the sounds to read simple words. Comprehension questions can be found on the inside cover of each book.

Please note, as there is a planned strike next Wednesday, for one week only, books will be sent home on **Tuesday 31st January**.

Books must be returned on a Monday morning. Your child will not be allowed to bring home a new book if they have forgotten a book at home.

The teaching of reading within the classroom is only part of your child's learning, and the value given to reading at home is equally important. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read, reading regular stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Don't forget about our Reception Reading challenge! Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading.

Your support with reading at home is essential and by working together, we can ensure your child achieves their potential as a reader.

If you require any further guidance regarding our approach to reading or phonics, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

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