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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know about some exciting developments that have been taking place during the last half term in regards to the teaching of phonics and reading at our school. As you may be aware we recently purchased a new reading scheme with over 1000 lovely new books. These are linked to a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle, which we are also implementing.

As always, all the children take part in at least one phonics session each day which teaches the children the sounds of individual or groups of letters, how to blend these together to read or use them in their spelling. The Little Wandle scheme uses a similar approach to the one we have used in the past but the sequence of teaching is slightly different and faster paced; we are really pleased with the impact this is already having on children's progress.

The new reading scheme links directly to the teaching of phonics and is used by the teachers to teach reading in small groups during three teaching sessions per week. This is proving to have more impact than staff listening to children read their individual reading books from the non-phonics-based scheme, which was usually only once per week. The books used in these sessions are different to those the children bring home. The home reading books to give children the opportunity to practice reading at home and are not read with staff in school. We are currently using our original reading scheme as home-reading books but will be incorporating some other phonics-based books into this stock shortly. Your child will also bring home a library book each week which is for you and your child to share together, developing their love for stories and reading. Please note that teachers make assessments during their group reading sessions and will not comment in the home/school reading record each time they listen to your child read in school. This is for you to comment on any home achievements and/or ask any question about reading. Feel free to let us know if your child has enjoyed any other reading too. We always love to know about how the children have enjoyed reading with family members at home.

We will be providing more detailed information about the schemes and how you can help at home over the coming weeks as their implementation develops, but were keen to let you know about the changed use of home reading books, as well as the changes to when and how teachers listen to children read.

The teachers will let you know how your child is progressing and their next steps in learning during your parents consultation telephone calls over the next couple of weeks, but as always please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

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