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Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Phonics Scheme

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an exciting change we are currently undertaking in school. At Christ Church we value the importance of children learning to read and write and we also know how important the teaching of Phonics is in this. Last year, The Department for Education released guidance on the teaching of Phonics and Early Reading which encouraged us to analyse how we teach and support the children in these areas.

After reading the guidance mentioned above, a team of staff members undertook the task of analysing our current provision and noting areas we wanted to adapt. After nearly a year of researching, observing phonics programmes in different schools and discussions with other professionals, we made the decision to invest heavily into a new systematic phonics programme.

We have made the decision to invest in **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised.**

What does this programme entail?

- This programme has a systematic approach from FS2 through to the end of Year 1.
- It has weekly lessons and resources to support the children on their journey with reading and writing.
- All lessons are taught in whole class contexts so all children are exposed to all sounds.
- Staff are able to support children who are finding aspects of their phonics tricky through individual and small group keep up sessions. These are planned alongside the phonics teaching.
- The programme has decodable books which are given to children based on their own strengths and help support their individual areas of development.
- Alongside weekly phonics lessons, children read their decodable book 3 times a week with a Little Wandle trained member of staff. They will then bring this book home, along with a sharing book from the class library, to continue practising their reading at home.
- Staff can utilise the Little Wandle resources to support children in Year 2 upwards who may still need some support with their reading and writing or have gaps in their phonic knowledge.

Reading books.

We understand the importance of children having a physical book to read, in school and at home, which is why we have invested a lot of money in phonetically decodable books linked to Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics programme.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home - **a reading practice book** and **a Team Read book**. Your child will read their reading practice book in school with a trained member of staff 3 times a week. They will then bring this book home to read to you. Your team read book is one that your child reads with team. This is a book they might not necessarily be able to read on their own but can enjoy sharing with the people around them.



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More information will be sent out about these reading books when your child is ready to bring a book home.

How can you support your child at home?

By following this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> you can access resources and videos which will give you ideas of how you can support your child at home.

Please ensure you are reading the books at home with your child and encourage them to look after them and treat them with respect. We recommend reading for 5 to 10 minutes daily to ensure your child is getting enough time to practise.

Thank you so much for all of your support with our new phonics learning.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to your year group email address or catch a member of staff on the playground.

Kind regards,
Miss Hogg, Mrs Parrington and Miss Cooper
English Team.