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Friday 1st October

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are very pleased to announce that as part of Edukos we have invested in a new phonics and early reading programme called 'Little Wandle Letter and Sounds Revised'. This is a new systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) and has replaced the now obsolete 'Letters and Sounds' that we were previously following. Here is a very brief overview of how it will be working in each year group.

Reception

Reception children started their Early Reading journey this week in phonics lessons at school. In a few weeks' time we will be starting the reading practice sessions in the afternoons and children will be able to share their reading books at home as an e-book. We will provide more information about this at the meeting mentioned below. In addition to the e-book, children will bring home a paper book of their choice to share at home. They **WILL NOT** be expected to read this independently, but just to share with an adult to promote a love of reading.

Year 1

Having formally assessed all the Year 1's phonics knowledge we started phonics sessions this week, teaching all the Year 1's together. Children are taught new content at the same pace, but extra support is provided in the afternoons for those who need it.

In the interim period, between now and the children starting their reading practice sessions with the new reading books, they will continue with books from our previous scheme 'Bug Club' which are compatible with Little Wandle. When the reading practice sessions begin in school, children will read the same book at home but as an e-book, and they would be expected to read this with a high level of accuracy and fluency. In addition to the e-book, children will bring home a paper book of their choice to share at home. They **WILL NOT** be expected to read this independently, but just to share with an adult to promote a love of reading.

Year 2

For just the Autumn term, Year 2 children will also take part in phonics sessions to consolidate their phase 5 phonic knowledge and prepare them for their Spelling programme, which they will start after Christmas. Children that still require support in phonics after this time will be provided with support in our afternoon 'keep-up' sessions.

It is important that as parents you all have a good understanding of how this SSP works, to be able to provide support to your child at home, to avoid any misconceptions and to clarify any differences with the aims of reading books that children have had previously.

With this in mind, I would like to invite you to a Reading meeting on MS Teams on Tuesday 12th October at 6pm. By holding the meeting on Teams, you will be able to hear this important information in the comfort of your own home. As well as this, the meeting can be clearly recorded for anyone who wishes to watch at a time of their convenience. A link for this meeting will be shared with parents nearer to the meeting date.

I very much hope to see you at the Teams meeting on Tuesday 12th October. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,



Catherine Burrell
Reading Leader