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Friday 12th September 2025,

Little Wandle Phonics Books

Dear parents/ carers,

Today the children will be bringing home a **Little Wandle Reading Book**. These books will be given out every **Friday** and need to be back in school by the following **Friday**. This will give the children a full week of reading practise at home.

Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

The two types of reading books that your child will be bringing home are:

A Little Wandle Book (for independent reading)

This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

An Interest Book (sharing book)

Your child may not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. This book is chosen during their library slot during the week and is to be returned on the same day the following week.

Further information for parents/carers

Little Wandle Book:

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

An Interest Book (Sharing book)

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.



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Please remember that you should not expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you make reading fun and enjoyable!

Reading Diaries

We will be sending reading diaries home for you to fill in about the reading that your child is doing with you; this will be sent after the phonics meeting on the 9th October because we would like to demonstrate how to use these diaries effectively with your child.

Looking after our Little Wandle books at Barford

To have Little Wandle at our school, we have had to allocate a large percentage of our school budget this year. I am sure you will join me in supporting us with making sure all books from the scheme are looked after so they can be reused for our children here for many years to come. So it is essential that these books are taken care of and we need your help!

- Please...please keep the books sent home inside the children's book bags apart from when it is being read, so it is not damaged.
- Please ensure the book is put in a safe place after listening to your child read so it does not get lost.

Staff will be keeping careful records of which books have been sent home and which have been returned each week.

Please be aware that the book costs the school £5.00 to purchase. If it is not returned, or gets damaged, we will ask you to replace it.

Thank you for your continued support with helping your child to read.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. Matysik

Deputy Headteacher and Curriculum Lead



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