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GRINDLEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have introduced our new Phonic scheme, Little Wandle, to the children. Children in Classes 1 and 2 will be accessing this scheme on a daily basis.

Alongside this they will also have three 'reading practise' sessions per week. In these reading sessions we aim to build fluency, expression, intonation (prosody) and comprehension.

The children read the same 'matched-decodable' book as a group each session, and discuss it with an adult.

They will then bring home a fully decodable book at the end of the week.

This book is accurately matched to the phonic stage your child is working on and you may think it appears too easy. Your child is working hard to develop prosody and comprehension, as well as building up the confidence to read fluently. Please practise this book every day with your child.

They will also bring home a 'sharing book'. This is a book that they have chosen themselves, and that interests them. They may not be able to read all the words in this book, so please help them by reading the book with them, talking about what they have read. Explain what unfamiliar words mean and use it to develop a love of reading. This book will also be swapped once per week.

It is vital that we follow this reading programme accurately in order for the children to make progress, so please be aware that they will only swap their books once per week. They will be heard reading in school three times per week.

You can access some supporting materials on the Little Wandle website

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This gives a video to watch about the books your child will bring home. It also gives you an overview of the learning that will take place, and how to accurately say the letter sounds. Please watch these videos as they are a good starting point for sound pronunciation.

Thank you as always for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy the journey into reading with us and your child,

Mrs Slack