

Developing a love of reading in Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know we adopted the Little Wandle phonics and reading scheme last year and it has been incredibly successful. The children are reading really well and they really impressed us with the phonic screen.

There are 5 stages within Little Wandle and some children completed the scheme by the end of year one and some are within a few books of completion which we will read in school. For home reading, these children have moved onto yellow level of our own West End reading scheme and will be bringing home a range of different books including short chapter novels. You may read the whole book over the weekend or read a chapter each week, just let us know in the reading journal.

Children progress at different rates and of course this scheme will begin in Reception in the future so other children are still working their way through. It is important that we do not rush through the scheme and that the children can read the sounds and key words in each book before moving on. As you will remember from Year One, we read the book for fluency, then for expression and finally for comprehension. In Year 2 we will often read the book over two weeks: really concentrating on fluency in the first week and recognising the sounds and key words then thinking about expression and comprehension in week 2. This will often mean that you get the same book 2 weekends in a row. This is intentional and it is good practice to reread known texts as this is how we build up fluency. The first time you get the book, read it for fluency. The second time you should notice how much more fluent your child is and you can use the questions in the back to develop their comprehension skills. 2

If we have a week where the Year 2 curriculum is less tight and we have extra staff, we might get through all the reads in a week so you may get a new book from time to time.

Organisation of Home Reading Books

- Books to be brought to school on **Monday** along with the child's yellow reading record in the wipe clean bag provided. It is imperative that the books are returned on Mondays as we will need them to read with the children. Lost books will incur a £5 charge.
- Books will be returned home with your child on **Fridays**.
- The children will read the whole book over the weekend and may return to it a few times as repetition is the best strategy to develop fluency, expression and vocabulary.
- We will check that the children have read and update our records. We will read your comments and respond to them *when appropriate*.
- The children may sometimes want to read the text independently which is fine but it will really help their reading progress if they also read with you to check that they are reading fluently with increasing accuracy and that they understand the vocabulary.

Library

Hazel Class visit the library on Monday afternoons where they enjoy stories from their teacher and our Year 6 librarians. They love sitting on the comfy chairs and lying on beanbags losing themselves in a story. The children will choose and bring home a book from our library every Monday and this is a book **FOR YOU TO READ TO THEM** and enjoy some quality time fostering a love of reading. It does not matter if the book is "too easy" or "too hard" for them because it is for an adult to read to them. Please return it each **MONDAY** so that they can exchange it for a new one.

Our favourite 5 books

Carrying on from Early Years and Year One, we are continuing the "Our favorite 5 books" programme where we have 5 special books for a half term. (I have split Autumn A into 2 blocks) We will read the same book every Monday, Tuesday etc so that the children can join in, get to know the book really well and even choose it for themselves at quiet reading time. We have the books on display in the classroom and the children love the system. Of course we read other stories too but these books have been carefully chosen. They reflect our growth mindset curriculum, they raise questions about diversity and spark debates about issues often raised in PHSE.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you enjoy reading with your child.

Mrs Waters and Mrs Langley

