

Dear parents and carers

We are in the exciting position of moving to a new way of teaching phonics in Foundation Stage, beginning to prepare the children for their move into Year 1. We have used Storytime Phonics for a few years now, but are moving to using a new scheme called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds'. This teaches phonics in a very similar way to our old phonics scheme, but does have new rhymes and actions to help children learn and practise the sounds.

One of the changes in the new phonics scheme is how we teach reading. Children will read a book in class 3 times during the week – once to sound out the words, once to work on fluency (reading without sounding out and with expression), and once to work on understanding the text. We will then send the book home as an e-book, which your child will be able to read online or on an app. More information about this will come home next week.

Within school, we will be supporting children with the new phonics scheme, making sure that we move over from the old way smoothly. We will send more information out at a later date about how we are teaching phonics, and hope to invite parents in to see it in action later in the term. You can also find more information at this link:

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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