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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds**

We are pleased to let you know that we have successfully launched a new systematic synthetic phonics programme in order to get your child off to a flying start with their daily phonics learning and reading development.

The new programme has entailed a huge amount of organisation across Reception and Year 1 in that the progression of teaching and learning relies upon well stocked, graded phonics teaching resources and well-matched reading books.

Please be assured that during this period your child is being taught to read using the brand new reading books at school, with a library book to enjoy and share coming home.

To let you know that after half term, your child will be coming home with a well-matched reading book. The reading book that they bring home will be pitched at the correct level to ensure that your child can read the book independently, with relative ease and with good fluency. A fundamental part of our reading approach is that your child's current phonic stage aligns well with the reading book that comes home. This will ensure that your child enjoys reading, gains confidence and makes progress.

The words within the book will only contain those sounds which your child has previously been taught as part of the daily phonics teaching session.

Your child will bring their reading book home every Friday and they will be collected in every Wednesday as they will be used for teaching on a rotational basis according to all children's stages of progress within the class.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, the cost invested in this new programme has been significant and it is therefore vital that reading books are looked after and returned weekly so that we can continue to ensure that we maintain the best possible provision for the teaching and learning of reading at London Colney Primary and Nursery School. This will mean that we will not be able to send a book home if the previous reading book has not been returned. We will also have to charge for any book that has been seriously damaged or lost.

Thank you kindly for your understanding and support and we will be in touch, after half term, to invite you in to school for an information session.

Kind regards

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Assistant Headteacher