

Supporting your child with Home Reading



This year (September 2026), Fleet Infant School has adopted a new Phonics and Reading scheme called 'Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds'. We are excited about the positive impact this will have on your child's reading journey. As part of this, the way you support your child with home reading will look different going forwards. Please find a summary of the changes below, with further information to come at the September Curriculum Meetings.

- All of our reading books are now part of the Big Cat Little Wandle series
- Books will be specifically matched to the phonic sounds that your child has already been taught and is secure with
- Children will read the same book three times per week in school as part of a group, with support and challenge from a school adult
- Each of these three reading sessions will have a different focus;
 1. Word reading (Decoding)
 2. Fluency and expression (Prosody)
 3. Comprehension

This method will allow children to gain greater depth, stamina and quality of reading as they move through the different sessions.

- Your child will then bring that book home on a Thursday to share with you and celebrate their reading from the week
- They will be able to keep that book at home for a week, before returning it and being issued a new one, the following Thursday. (if the book is not returned, they will not be issued a new one)
- While they have this book at home, you could do the three focus reads as outlined above (there is more detail on this inside each book)
- Don't worry if the book seems 'too easy' for your child - trust the process - your child should be able to read 95% of the words in their book to support them in developing their reading confidence, fluency and comprehension. Your child's reading is still being suitably challenged and developed in school
- **We are still aiming for children to read daily**, so you may supplement their reading diet and support a love for reading by encouraging them to read and share other books with you throughout the week as well
- Children will still be able to take home a book from the library each week. They will also be able to freely choose 2 phonics books during library time from our previous book collections to share with you during the week, should they wish to. PLEASE NOTE: these will not be matched specifically to their phonic ability so please ensure you are sharing them together and not insisting they read them all if they are too challenging - **boosting your child's self-esteem and confidence is essential to them becoming a successful reader**
- **Please continue to record every home read in their reading record** and work towards those Reading Rainbow Worms
- Due to the huge financial investment we have made in our new books (thanks to FISA and your generous parent support!), we will be charging £5.00 for any lost or damaged books (payable in the Arbor shop) - we thank you for your support in caring for these books

Regular reading at home is crucial to your child's development.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

We understand that many of you will have questions about this new approach. We ask that you please wait for the curriculum meetings where we are looking forward to sharing more with you about it and answering any questions you may have. More information can also be found on the Little Wandle website:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

