

Dear Parent/Carer

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We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the teaching of phonics and early reading at Brooke. The government have recently introduced a number of changes regarding the teaching of phonics and early reading and this has had an impact on what we do at school.

We now follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to teach phonics and early reading. We will be using resources provided by them and this will mean a change to the reading book your child brings home. Your child will continue to bring home two books: a reading practise book and a sharing book.

### **Reading Practise Book**

This will be at the correct phonic phase for your child. They should be able to read this book fluently and independently. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current level and they will have read it a few times in school before bringing it home. If your child is reading their book with little support, please don't worry that it is too easy – your child is developing fluency and confidence by practising reading. Listen to them read the book and after they have finished spend some time talking about the book together. Celebrate their successes and give them lots of praise.

Children will change this book once a week on a Wednesday after they have read it several times in school. This may mean that some children are not changing their book as frequently as they previously might have been. Reading and listening to the same book multiple times will allow children to develop fluency, dive deeper into the meaning of the book and make connections between different books they have read. This book can also be accessed online through Collins ebooks. Your child will bring home individual user names and passwords as well as information on how to access their assigned reading book.

### **Sharing Book**

The sharing book is the book children choose from our school library. Each class has a timetabled slot (please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure when this is). If children are to become lifelong readers it is essential that they are encouraged to read for pleasure. To help foster a love of reading children will bring home a book to share and enjoy with their parents/carers. These books offer a wealth of opportunities for talking about the pictures and enjoying the story. Your child might not be able to read this book independently. This book is for you to read to or with your child and repeated readings will bring more enjoyment and benefits.

At Brooke Primary Academy we expect children to read at home 3 times per week. Research shows that reading at home has a significant positive impact on children's development in reading.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher. You can also visit the Little Wandle website <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/> and click on the 'for parents' tab for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Levers  
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