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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all so much for your fabulous support with some of the changes that we have made to the way that we teach Phonics, a really important part of learning to read. We are very excited to be following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme, and you can find out lots more about that [here](#).

In using this scheme, we have bought lots and lots of new books that are being read in school. Unfortunately, we don't yet have enough of these books to be able to send them home but they are available for you to read at home with your child in e-book format. Thanks so much to all of those parents who came to Miss Gilday's virtual meeting where she talked about these e-books, and also to those families who are using them already. Superstars! If you would like some help in accessing these e-books or are having difficulties, please come and let us know and we will do whatever we can to help. These e-books will help your child to practice the books they are reading in school and you will be able to see more of what they are learning at school.

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is also really important that they learn to read for pleasure. To support this, your child will have sharing books that they can bring home to read with you. Sharing books are books they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

We will also be doing our very best to share with you lots and lots of the things that we do here in school to promote reading and a love of books. It is really important to us that children grow up valuing reading and books and enjoy sharing them with you and each other. Your support is very important in achieving that.

As always, thank you for your support,

Miss Westhead
Head of School