Thursday 8th September

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Collins Big Cat eBooks**

Thank you all so much for your fantastic 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 have had great success in the past year with the children through the Little Wandle scheme and we are excited to help more children develop a lifelong love of reading this coming year.

We are continuing to read with the children regularly in school with our matching books. You can support your child with their reading by accessing their eBook at home. 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. Revisiting the same books at home as they do in school is designed to help the children’s fluency when reading.

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. Staff will also be on hand to support parents and carers accessing them on a device at our ‘*meet the teacher*’ evenings on September 20th.

Children will also bring home two physical books known as ‘*sharing books’*. These are books for you and your child to enjoy together and they should not be expected to read it all independently. 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!

Thank you for all the support,

Miss Gilday

***Phonics lead***