



Malvern Parish C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are very excited to share with you our new Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics reading books.



This has been a HUGE investment in both **time** and **money** to ensure that the children have the very best start to their reading journey at Malvern Parish and the opportunity to practise with high quality reading materials in every year group from YR to Y6!

During our reading lessons at school, the children who are accessing the Little Wandle Phonics Programme will read a Little Wandle book 3 times per week. We have now bought an additional copy of each book so that the children can read this at home too. When the children read this book to you at home they should be reading confidently; really developing their fluency and expression and some great answers to the comprehension questions too. The advice from the Little Wandle scheme is as follows:

Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practise at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

A reading practise book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practise book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Sharing book

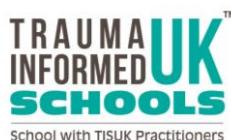
In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

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!

This information can be found at

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

with lots of other useful tips and videos too.





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It is important to note that the children will bring their Little Wandle Home Book home on a **Thursday or Friday**. please enjoy listening to your child read this book over the weekend. It must then be returned to school on **Monday**. This is absolutely imperative as we need to collect a full set of 6 books ready for the next group to read that book.



Your support will be greatly appreciated as we know that you understand how important our school budget is. Some schools charge parents if books are not returned (between £3.75-£4.75 per book) but we are hoping not to have to enforce this at Malvern Parish.

Many parents have reported that they much prefer an actual book to read rather than an E-book and we have responded to this.

In addition to your child's Little Wandle weekend book, they will still access our other stock of phonics banded reading books – both of which are equally as important and a reading for pleasure sharing book too!

Please read each Little Wandle book and focus on the three skills; decoding, prosody and comprehension.

1. Sound out the words and read through the book. Be sure to talk about the title of the book and practise any sounds or words on the inside cover.
2. Can you read the words more fluently? Think about how to use your voice to read the words with expression.
3. Show an understanding of what you have read - comprehension. Some books have questions but here are a few to help.

When you have read your Little Wandle Book, parents please add your comments to the reading record book and return to school on Monday.

If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher and any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Reading is the key to so much learning, in all subject areas and we are passionate about reading at Malvern Parish.

Asking Questions



Good readers ask questions to help them understand what they read.

THANK YOU for your support and have fun!

From Mrs Lowndes

Early Reading Lead



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