

NEW PHONICS PROGRAMME

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08:55To Parents of: To School Members:  EMAIL

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception and Year 1 pupils

New Phonics Programme - Little Wandle

We are in the process of changing over to the *Little Wandle* scheme for the teaching of phonics and guided reading. The programme has been going since January and we are really pleased with the progress the children are making. The sessions are simple and repetitive and reduce cognitive overload so the children can focus on the learning, the GPCs (the sounds the letters make and the letters that make them), blending, reading words and tricky words, writing and spelling.

How does it work?

Guided reading is three times a week for every group:

1. In the first session, the children are shown the GPCs they will encounter in the book, they are taught the tricky words and the contextual words - the words that are specific to that book. They then decode the book out loud. These books need to be at the level of the child's reading so they are fluent and can read smoothly without the need of sounding out.
2. The second session promotes 'prosody' which is using expression to read.
3. The final session focusses on comprehension of the book, ensuring the children understand what it is about. They answer questions and retrieve information from the book.

We have bought 120 new sets of books for these sessions that the children use in school. In addition to the books used in school, we have purchased a licence so parents can access the books as e-books at home to read with their children. The books are allocated once a week on on a Friday.

How to access the books

Attached to this message is a guide of how to access the books. We have set the password as **King2022!** There is no data stored on the system; it is a library where a book can be read. In the front of your child's reading record we will put a user name. It begins with **ukwips**. If there are any errors or problems with logging in, please contact the office via email:

admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk

Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes
Mrs Godly