



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 practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child will be allocated for reading at home:

- A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. This book will be issued as an e-book, which can be easily accessed using your child's login details on a device at home.
- 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. This will be a physical book.

Reading practice book

This book will be 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. Your child will have been exposed to the book three times in school before being issued the same book to bring home, and should then be able to read it with at least 95% accuracy.

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!

Reading frequency and reading records

Quite simply, the more you and your child read at home, the better! Ideally your child should read every day. Please date and comment in your child's reading record book every time they read to you or with you.

Please visit the Little Wandle website parent area for more information.

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

If you have any other queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.