



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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## *Learning, Enjoying & Succeeding Together*

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Dear Parents and carers of Oak Base & Holly Base

### Little Wandle Reading Books

I am writing to let you know that we are now in a position to begin sending home our brand-new Little Wandle books each week. We have invested a lot of money in these books which will enable your child to fully practise the new sounds they have learnt.

Your child would have read these books in school with an adult at least three times so they are becoming more fluent with them. This is a great and home reading is all about increasing self confidence and a love of reading. **Each time you read, please fill in your child's reading record. There is no need to send this is daily but please ensure it is sent in with the reading book each Wednesday.**

### 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 bring home on different days:

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.

A sharing book from the school library. Your child may not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

### Reading practice 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.

### Library book



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In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The library 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!

Children who leave Year 2 as fluent readers will flourish in Key Stage 2, and so it is our aim to provide all children with this incredible life skill as early as possible. We have a robust programme of reading in school, and, with your support, this will continue at home. Once children are fluent, the whole curriculum opens up for them and their love of reading increases dramatically.

It's hard work learning to decode words at a high enough speed to be able to understand the context of what is being read. Let's work together to give the children the knowledge and resilience to become fluent readers.

Warm regards



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Early Reading lead



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