

Westfields Infant School

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Dear Parents / Carers

This year in Year R and Year 1, we will be teaching phonics, early reading skills and spelling using a phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Your child will read in a small adult led group three times a week. The fully decodable book chosen will be at the correct level for your child. This means that they will already know all of the sounds and tricky words in the book. They will be able to read many of the words by silent blending (in their head) and will only need to stop and sound out about 10% of the words by the time they bring the book home.

This book will come home on a Thursday and remain in your child's book bag for a week. They should be reading the book regularly to you throughout the week to encourage fluency. Your child should be able to read their book to you without your help. If they can't read a word, read it to them. When they have read the book, talk about it together, for example identify the main characters, how were the characters feeling, what were the main events?

In addition, your child will be able to choose a colour coded sharing book. This book may contain some sounds and tricky words that your child is unsure of and they will need your help to read these words. The children will be able to change these books frequently.

Furthermore, your child will also have a library book which they will have the opportunity to change on a regular basis. This is for you to read to your child and share the pleasure of a book together. Try and make the story sound as exciting as you can and talk with your child about the text explaining any new vocabulary.

We will be holding a workshop for parents on 5th October at 6:30pm when the teachers will be explaining the phonics programme and our approach to teaching reading and spelling in greater detail. It is important for you to attend this meeting so you are aware how we can work together to support your child's early reading journey and we look forward to welcoming as many families as possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Brammer and Mrs Hallett