



Dear Parents,

8th November 2024

Today we are sending home either your child's first Little Wandle Big Cat reading book, or a Big Cat picture book together with a phonics game to play. **Please keep this book in your child's book bag at all times** to keep it safe and available for us to read at school too. We will generally change the books on a Friday each week.

If you have a game, please play it a few times over the next few days. Again, could this please be kept in the book bag for safety and availability - we will change it the following Friday. Please write comments in the reading log to let us know how your child is getting on with the game.

I have shared each book individually with each child this week and next week we will start sharing books in reading groups. Everyone is trying so hard to read each word and they have all done so well. Please could you read this book with your child a few times over the next week, **keeping things fun and positive**. You don't have to read the whole book in one sitting if this is too tiring for your child - just a few minutes at a time is best for the majority of the children. There is guidance at the front and back of the book of different activities to try with your child on different reads. Don't be afraid to help them with the words if they need this. For those children who would like an extra challenge, we will put in an extra Bug Club reading book for them to share and read with you too on different days in the following week. Again, reading this on at least two occasions will help your child with decoding, recognition, understanding and fluency. Please keep writing/initialling in the reading records each time you read so that we know when books need changing. Your child will still be bringing home story and non-fiction books they have chosen from our class selection for you to share together.

We have also started to learn some "tricky words that children need to read and write quite frequently and that cannot be sounded out using the sounds the children have been taught - they just have to be learnt by sight. Please practise learning these too at home. You might want to put them on your fridge! Or make up a little game with them.

Reading for a few minutes with your child on most days of the week really does make all the difference. And the children tend to love this special time with their parents and carers too.

Kind regards

Mrs Mason and Miss Knight

To summarise

- Little Wandle Book sent home every Friday.
- Read Little Wandle book 3 times a week at home - keep reading sessions short.
- Play phonic game (if one sent home)
- Read tricky words at home.
- Please keep books & games in bookbag.