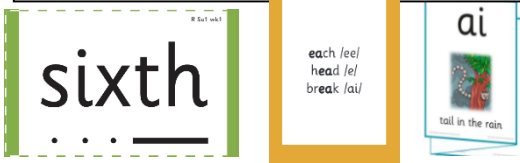




## Reading and Phonics - Year One Spring 2022

Our school has chosen Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised as our systematic synthetic phonics programme to teach phonics, reading and spelling. Every time we teach a new sound, we then read words during the phonics lesson that contain the sound, so that the children practise what they have learned. We then read and write sentences containing both the new and reviewed sounds. All of the children in Year One and Reception have started using Little Wandle this term, they are all enjoying their daily phonic lessons and reading sessions. Letter formation will continue to be taught through our Kinetic Letters lessons. You can find out further information using this link <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>.



### Reading books

- Children will bring home a reading practice book matched to their phonic stage once a week. They will have already read this book in school so they will be familiar with it and they should be able to read it independently
- Reading books will be matched to your child's phonic knowledge through regular assessment
- Reading books will be organised by their phonic content and not by their book band colour
- Library books will be sent home weekly to be shared at home
- Children will also be able to choose a sharing book after half term, that is to be enjoyed together

The most important thing you can do is read with your child

**Reading a book and chatting has a positive impact on children's ability to...**

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening and comprehension skills.

Reading a book at the right level

**This means that your child should:**

- Know all the sounds and tricky words in their phonics book well
- Read many of the words by silent blending (in their head) – their reading will be automatic
- Only need to stop and sound out about 5% of the words by the time they bring the book home – but they should be able to do this on their own
- The children's reading books will be carefully matched to their phonic knowledge and 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