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Dear Parents & Carers,

Changes to how we teach reading in Reception & Key Stage 1

We have recently purchased a new reading and phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

- **A reading practice book – Collins Big Cat.** This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this book fluently and independently.
- **A sharing book.** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own as it not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

The Reading Practice Book: Big Cat Books

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. **Please** return the book to school when stated by class teachers in newsletters. We do not have any spare copies and they are very expensive to replace.

The 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. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters. The main thing is that you have fun!

As part of home learning, we recommend that children read for 5-10 minutes each night. Please continue to record reading sessions in your child's reading record. Home learning will now consist of reading, phonics and Numbots each week.

Kind Regards,

Miss Mason

