

LANGSTONE INFANT ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Guardians

We are excited to announce that we have moved to a new Phonic scheme this year called 'Little Wandle'.

As a part of the implementation of Little Wandle phonics, each child will be assessed 1:1 **before Half Term** to determine their current phonic level. This will ensure that your child **begins** their phonic journey in the correct place. When these assessments are completed, your child will bring three books home in their book bag. **Do we need this bit?**

Or- As we begin our new Phonics scheme, your child will be sent home with a book that is matched to their Phonic ability. Therefore, your child will have three books in their book bag.

Before receiving a Phonics reading book, your child may bring home a zippy wallet of letter cards to learn and simple words that they can segment to read. These are called CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) such as 'sat', 'sit', pat... Please support your child to read these words.

We will also send home word lists for 'sight' words that your child will need to learn. Please help your child to learn these words and spot them in books and their environment.

The three types of reading book that your child **may** bring home are as follows:

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. 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.

A challenge book. This will be a book that your child will be able to mostly read independently and is closely matched to your child's phonic ability but could include some tricky words or phonemes that they haven't yet encountered and may need some support with.

A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together, to promote a love of reading. It is not expected your child will be able to read this book independently. 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

Your child's 'reading practice book' and 'challenge book' will be sent home once the assessments are complete/**once we have begun teaching Phonics**. This may mean that your child will not bring these books home **immediately**, however we will ensure that all children bring home a 'sharing book' this

We are also very excited about the progress being made on our new School Library and will continue to update you on the progress via our Facebook page. Please do keep an eye out.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the phonic workshops later in the term to discuss more about 'Little Wandle' and how you can support your child with their reading at home.

If you have any queries before then, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Yours sincerely

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