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HOME READING (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Dear Parent / Carer,

At St Chad's, teaching our children to become confident and fluent readers is of paramount importance. As shared with you in previous letters, we have recently transitioned over to a new phonics programme called [Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised](#).

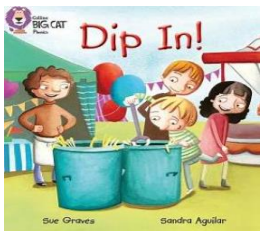


Although your child will be taught to read daily at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

To support with our phonics and reading Little Wandle programme, once a week your child will bring home a *reading practice book* and a *sharing book*.

Your child's reading practice book

This will come home every Friday. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current phonic stage and they should be able to read it fluently and independently. If your child is reading this book with little help, please don't worry that it is '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 and celebrate their success! If they cannot read a word, read it to them. After they have finished reading, talk about the book together. Reading practice books must be returned the following Thursday.

To support with our ongoing teacher assessments in school, **we ask that you record your child reading their practice book once a week at home and load this to their individual portfolio page on Class Dojo.**

✓ Your child will bring home their school reading book once a week.	✓ Listen to your child read their book 3 times a week.	✓ Take a recording of your child reading once a week and load it to their portfolio on Class Dojo.
		

Your child's sharing book

Once a week your child will come home with a book that they have chosen from our school library, on their allocated class library visit day. Your child is not expected to read this book

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independently - it is for you to read to or with your child. Snuggle up with you child and maybe enjoy it on the sofa or just before bedtime. **Please ensure that books are returned within the allocated week.**

Frequency of reading at home

As a school, we expect that all children read their school book to an adult at home at least three times a week and that parents/carers submit one video recording a week via Class Dojo. Re-reading the same book at home will help your child to become more fluent, practise their expression when reading aloud and develop a deeper understanding of the text. We praise and reward reading at home through [Class Dojo](#).

Why do I need to record my child reading at home once a week?

Video recordings are an incredibly useful assessment tool for teachers. They allow your child's class teacher to assess how well your child is using and applying their learning outside of school, independently.

Looking after our new books

As a school, we have invested a huge amount of money into our new reading programme. We ask that you help your child and other family members to ensure that books are well looked after at home. Please ensure that books are:

- kept somewhere safe at home
- returned to school on the days requested
- not stored in book bags with water bottles (in the past, we have had lots of books damaged by spillages)
- not drawn in
- not creased (support your child in turning pages with care)

Of course, accidents happen but please take as much care as possible to avoid these. Should any books be damaged or lost outside of school, we will need to request that you cover the cost of the book. We will be organising a special Collective Worship this week in school to discuss with our children the importance of looking after our new reading books at home.

Should you have any questions about your child's home reading then please speak with your child's class teacher or Mrs Sohanpal. We also have a wealth of information available on our school [website](#).

Transitioning over to our new phonics programme and buying and setting up our new books has been a BIG piece of work for staff over the past few months. We cannot wait to finally introduce our beautiful new reading practice books to our children.

Kind regards,



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