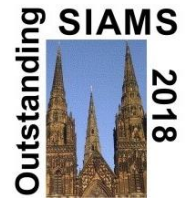




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## ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs V. A Bradley

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

Reading at home can have a huge impact upon your child's reading journey. Although your child will be taught to read at school, practising at home will improve their progress.

### Supporting your child with reading at home

Depending on your child's stage of development, they will have access to 2 or 3 reading books each week.

There are three types of reading books that your child may have access to at home:

1. A phonics/fluency reading book (Little Wandle – Collins Hub)
2. A shared reading book
3. A library book

### Little Wandle reading books (Collins Hub)

This book has been carefully matched to your child's correct reading stage. 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. Your child might have already read this book in school 2 or 3 times, and it is their chance to shine and show you all that they have learnt in school. Listen to them read the book and celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

### E-book Changes for this year



This year, our Little Wandle e-books can be accessed by using the Collins Hub website below or by downloading the Collins Hub app. This is a change from how the books were accessed last year. You will find your child's password in their home-school diary.

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Children in Reception – Year 4 will now all be allocated a book on the Collins Hub. This will either be a Little Wandle phonics book or a Little Wandle Fluency book. As your child develops as a reader, they will move on from reading the Little Wandle phonics books to reading the Little Wandle fluency books. When this happens, they will have the secure phonic knowledge needed to be able to read. The Little Wandle Fluency programme will then continue to develop the skills that they need to become confident, fluent and motivated readers. We want children to become readers who can bring the text alive in their minds and voices. New phonics books will be allocated each week, but fluency books take much longer to read (usually around 3 weeks). If your child is reading fluency books, your child's class teacher will write in their diary at the end of the week to tell you which chapters they want your child to read at home. Please only read the chapters that your child has been asked to and remind them not to read on further, as it is best if they read each chapter for the first time in their lesson.

### Shared reading books and library books

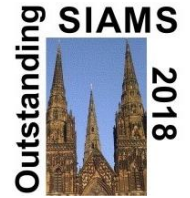
In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The shared reading book and library book are books they have chosen for you to enjoy together.



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Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read these books alone. Read the stories with them, or to 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!

If you are finding it difficult to find the time read all three books, could I please ask that you always prioritise the Collins Hub book (if one is set for your child), as this book is the one that is carefully matched to your child's learning in school and will therefore help them to make the most progress with their reading.

Please share your child's reading with their class teacher by putting a little comment in their home-school diary every time that you read at home.

### Little Wandle resources for parents

Please follow the link below for information with how you could support your child with their phonics learning at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

If you have any questions, please contact either your child's class teacher or myself.

Kind regards,

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