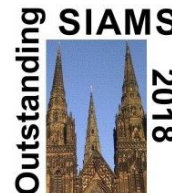




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ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs V. A Bradley

Tuesday 26th September 2023

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. Children following the Little Wandle Phonics and Spelling programmes will have access to 3 books each week and those children who have completed the Little Wandle programme will have 2.

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

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

Phonics reading books (Little Wandle - Collins eBooks)

This book has been carefully matched to your child's correct phonic 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 will have already read this book in school 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. There is no need to write a comment in the diary about this, as we can see when the children have read online and for how long.

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.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read these books alone. Read them 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!

If you are finding it difficult to find the time read all three books, could I please ask that you always prioritise the Collins eBook (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 the home-school diary.

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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