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Dear Families,

At Twiss Green Community Primary School, we value the support of parents in enabling children to become confident, fluent readers who read for pleasure and enjoyment. Working together in partnership will allow your child to reach their full potential in reading- which is the key to so much more! The support you provide in this partnership is of huge value and will have a significant impact on the progress your child can make as well as their confidence and self-esteem.

We have recently implemented a new reading scheme called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' to bring our reading approaches/ schemes in line with the new guidance about how to teach children to read. 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' is a systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programme.

There are three types of reading book that your child will be bringing home each week:

- A 'Little Wandle' reading practice e-book – This will be allocated at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A sharing book – Your child may not be able to read this book on their own as it may not match their exact phonic level. This book is for you to enjoy together.
- Reading for Pleasure book – These are 'real' books that your children have chosen from their class library to bring home and share with you.

#### 'Little Wandle' reading practice e-book

This e-book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level and they will have read this three times in school during guided reading sessions before it is allocated. If your child is reading this 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 and remember to give



them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, then read it to them. After they have finished reading the book, talk about it together. You will have received a separate letter from your child's class teacher with details of how to log in to the e-book platform. Please can you continue to record this reading session in your child's reading record.

### Sharing and Reading for Pleasure books

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing and reading for pleasure books are books that they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read these alone. Read them to your child or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the stories, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters or explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

There is further information about our revised approach to Phonics and Early Reading on our website. This includes the presentation from the parent workshop held in school at the end of last half term. If you have any questions, please contact either myself or your child's class teacher and we will be happy to discuss this further with you.

Kind regards,



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