

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to share with you that your child's reading journey is beginning! Latchmere school follows Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, which is a systematic and synthetic phonics programme. We will soon be able to have a Phonics Workshop with parents and carers from Reception, where we will be able to outline the programme in more detail. Before then, we want to share with you some key moments.

Children will begin to take home the sound they are learning, from w/b 11th September, as a flashcard. From Monday-Thursday, your child will have a new sound in their bag for them to practise at home. We are working towards instantaneous and speedy recognition, with clear pronunciation of sounds! If you are unsure of how to pronounce the sounds, please do check this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> If your child is unsure of the sound we will practise with them 1:1 at school until they are confident.

On w/b 18th September, we will begin teaching your child how to sound and blend to read words, using the sounds they have learnt. Once we have taught your child to sound and blend, we will send home a quick video link for you to practise this skill with the flashcards they have brought home.

From Week 4 of our phonics teaching (w/b 2nd October), some children will begin to bring home Reading Practice books, if they are able to consistently sound talk and blend the taught sounds. Your child's teacher will read this book with them, to check it's at a level where they can experience success. **Please make sure the Reading Practice book is returned daily.**

At this stage, if your child is still learning the skill of blending, they will receive additional support in a 'blending group' to make sure they experience the joy and success of reading!

All children will bring home 'Sharing Books', from w/b 11th September, which is a high-quality picture book for your child's enjoyment. This is a book for you to read to your child, instead of a book that they attempt to read. These books offer opportunities to talk about the pictures and enjoy the story. **The Sharing Book will be changed once a week as a class on a Thursday.** Please let your child's teacher know if you would like another book in between these changes and they will try to facilitate this.

We look forward to being able to share more information with you soon.

Warm regards,
Reception Team