



Eastbrook Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

To teach reading at Eastbrook, we are continuing to follow 'Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised' which is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP). The staff in school have received training in this programme and children will have a daily phonics session with a member of school staff. Lessons take part in whole class sessions, with 1:1 and small group follow ups when needed. This is in accordance with 'Little Wandle' guidance. The lesson progression is also carefully structured. Children need to learn to read as quickly as reasonably possible, so they can move from learning to read, to reading to learn. There is a support section for parents and carers, where you can find resources to inform you of how the programme works and what your children will experience. There are also some short videos for you to access. This is a great resource to start and understand how reading is taught and what it looks like at Eastbrook.

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

Children will be taught to read in a small group three times a week with staff, reading a book which is matched to their phonic ability. They will also bring the book that they have read in school home to read to you three times, at a level they can read with 90% accuracy. This is allowing the children to develop fluency, expression and confidence when reading. Your support with this is invaluable and we thank you in advance for supporting your children at home.

In EYFS and KS1, books will be sent home on a Friday and come back the following Tuesday. Some children may have initially started reading with a book containing no words. This is an important part of learning to read – developing book handling skills, talking about what they think might happen and why and practising oral blending are all important skills. In addition to a phonics book, children will bring home a sharing book to share with their family. Children will have been provided with a reading diary. This is for you to record every time you read with your child at home. School staff will not record school reading in this as they have in the past, as they will be keeping a separate reading log in school. A long comment isn't always required; however, we would encourage you to write in the reading diary if your children found something tricky or there was something that you noticed was positive. We always ask you to sign it, so that we know your child has read with you.

Class teachers and Teaching Assistants will monitor the diaries to ensure each child is receiving reading support at home as this is an important part of your child's reading development. Years 1 and 2 will continue to run the reading stickers and certificates. Bronze, silver and gold certificates will be awarded for every 10 reads (Bronze-10, Silver- 20, Gold 30, Bronze 40 etc) and a certificate will be awarded for every 100 reads (100, 200, 300 etc). If you have any queries about The Little Wandle programme, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We recently spent an extensive amount of money updating our book stock. Therefore, any books not returned to school after reminders from the class teacher or damaged books may incur a £5 fee to replace the book as this will impact on our teaching of reading to other children.

Yours sincerely

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