



DENVER V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We use a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) to teach phonics in school called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. It provides a complete teaching programme meeting all the expectations of the National Curriculum and prepares children to go beyond the expectations of the Phonics Screening Check.

All children in Reception and Y1 will receive a daily phonics session. In addition to this, they have three reading practice sessions each week. Each Thursday, these children will bring home a fully decodable reading practice book matched to their phonic stage. They will already be familiar with the book, having read it in their reading practice sessions, therefore they should be able to read it with developing confidence and fluency.

We ask that you listen to your child read their practice book two or three times with interest and, most importantly, encouragement and praise. After your child has read the book, it would be helpful to talk about the book – please see the back page for some suggestions of questions you could ask.

Please record their reading on the sheet sent home. **The reading practice book must be returned every Monday.** This is important as the book will be needed for other children that week.

Children in Y2 will receive either a daily phonics or spelling practice session, depending on the time of year, following the Little Wandle scheme. They will be reading longer Little Wandle Fluency books in their reading practice sessions. Each Thursday, they will bring home a Little Wandle Fluency book and will be asked to read a chapter from it. Please record their reading on the sheet provided. The book must be returned every Monday.



If children are to become lifelong readers, it is essential that they are encouraged to read for pleasure. The desire of wanting to read will help with the skill of reading. To help foster this love of reading, all children will also take home a sharing book each week. The children are not expected to read this book independently, it is for you to read to or with your child.

There will be an information session about our phonics scheme on Friday 18th September at 9am in our library. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

More information about our approach to the teaching of phonics can be found on our school website under the tab Parents/Carers, Phonics. The Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised website also has a wealth of information and can be found at <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

If you have any questions about our phonics scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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