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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to let you know that your child will be bringing home two special books this week as part of our ongoing commitment to nurturing early reading skills and a lifelong love of stories.

Wordless Book – Little Wandle Scheme:

As part of the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme, your child will be bringing home a wordless book. These books are a brilliant way to encourage storytelling, comprehension, and expressive language. While they contain no written words, they are rich in visual detail and offer many opportunities for your child to explore characters, settings, and events.

This week, your child has already worked with this book in school. They have read it three times in a small group with an adult, focusing on sequencing, predicting, and using descriptive language. At the beginning of the book, you'll find **guidance on how to use it with your child**—please take a moment to read through this before sharing the book together.

What to do at home:

- Sit together and explore each page carefully.
- Encourage your child to tell the story in their own words.
- Ask open-ended questions like “What do you think is happening here?” or “How do you think the character feels?”
- Let your child lead the storytelling—there's no right or wrong way!

Reading for Pleasure Book:

Your child has also chosen a reading for pleasure book to bring home. This is a book they selected themselves, simply to enjoy during story time at home. It's a lovely opportunity to snuggle up and share a story together, building positive associations with reading.



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Phonics Update:

In phonics this week, we have been learning the sounds:

p, i, n, m.

You may notice your child beginning to recognise these sounds in words and attempting to use them in their own reading and writing. To support this learning at home, please refer to the **information sent last week**, which includes helpful tips on how to practise these sounds with your child—along with guidance on **letter formation**.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope these books spark curiosity, creativity, and conversation in your home.

Digital Reading Log:

We are currently trialling a new digital reading log, in reception and class 1. which is in the early stages of implementation. You should all have now received an email from hello@learningwithparents.com, please check your junk mail if you have not yet received it and let me know if you have not. Children will no longer have a reading diary, as reading completed at home will be logged by you on the platform. You can tick each day your child reads, leave videos of their reading, audio and comments. Please see the link below to a useful video, explaining how the system works: [Parent Introduction to the Reading Log \(video\) - Learning with Parents](#)

Please don't forget to attend our phonics information meeting on Wednesday 1st October at 9am.

Kind regards

Mrs Freire-Norman



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