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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you regarding a new approach we are going to be using this year to teach reading for our **Reception and Year One children**, specifically how we teach phonics.

Following guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) all schools were asked to review how they taught phonics in these year groups, and ensure their approach followed the synthetic, systematic approach recommended by the DfE.

Having thoroughly reviewed our previous approach we have chosen to move to the DfE accredited scheme called ***Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised***. We feel this programme is the best fit for our children and allows our current Year One children, to smoothly transition from our previous scheme, to this programme. We have previously used the DfE created; ***Letters and Sounds*** scheme, as our phonics programme which is closely aligned to this new programme.

I have attached quite a lot of information for you, detailing how this new approach will work. Please do take the time to read through the information. We will also be holding an information evening for Parents and Carers, (date to be confirmed) over the coming term but I thought it would be helpful to share this information, ahead of that meeting.

Our Reception and Year One teams are currently undertaking placement assessments for all children, in a very informal, gentle way, and reading books will be coming home over the next two weeks. It is important we get to know your child well before books come home, so that your child has early success.

Further information about ***Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised*** can be found [here](#). Included on this website are useful videos that you may find useful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Aldred
Headteacher