



# FLASH LEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Phonics at Flash Ley is how your child is taught throughout their journey of learning to read. We use a validated scheme recommended by the Department for Education called Little Wandle which begins in Nursery and takes your child through to the phonics screening check at the end of Key Stage 1. This is a thorough and rigorous programme which teaches children all the skills they need to read successfully.

As part of the scheme, alongside our daily phonics lessons, each child will take part in three reading practice sessions a week. We have been lucky enough to buy sets of 120 new early reading books which are fully decodable for the children and entirely matched to the phonics scheme. Children will be reading in small groups and will read the same book three times with adults in school before bringing it home to read. Phonics reading books are sent home every Friday, with the exception of school holidays. These are to be returned every Monday back to school. Books are needed in school for children's practice reading sessions; please return them each week so we can ensure your child has the correct reading book for support in school. It is an expectation you read your child's phonics book with them over the weekend.

These reading books sets are crucial for the teaching of our phonics scheme and over the years we have sadly lost a huge amount of our reading resources which impacts your child's learning. We are therefore asking parents to take responsibility and care for your child's reading book. These must be returned each week in the condition they were sent home in. **Any lost or damaged reading books will be charged at the amount of £7 to be replaced within the set.** This also applies to any library books your children borrow to read for pleasure. When library books are signed out children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have a maximum of 3 weeks to return a book. This gives adequate time for children to read longer books or repeat favourite stories. After this period if books are not returned the £7 charge will apply.

Kind regards

*Mrs Hughes*  
Early Years Lead  
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We're teaching every  
child to read with  
Little Wandle Letters  
and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by  
the Department for Education



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## **Supporting your child with reading**

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. Your child's reading book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. Read as many books as you can and read for pleasure as often as possible. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read these alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters; explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun! REMEMBER children are never too old to be read to!

### **Interesting facts:-**

Here's how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:

Never read to: 4,662 words;

1–2 times per week: 63,570 words;

3–5 times per week: 169,520 words;

Daily: 296,660 words;

and five books a day: 1,483,300 words

This demonstrates how powerful what you do at home impacts on your child's speaking into reading into writing.



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