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Dear Parents/Carers

I thought I would give you an update on Early Reading at Horsley. Our government-approved phonics scheme, Little Wandle, is having a massive impact on reading across the Infants. Mrs Everett, our Early Reading Lead is doing an amazing job of driving this school development priority. The scheme is now very much embedded across the Infants, giving the children an excellent foundation for future learning.

I would like to use the opportunity to give a summary of how it is now working across the Infants. In Years R and Year 1, daily phonics is taking place. There will also be a number of class-based reading sessions each week. Year 1 will normally receive an online book on a Friday. This is a book, which they have learnt about and discussed in class. This is always related to their phonics learning in class, and based on the most up-to-date assessment information.

They also receive a library book. They can borrow up to two books from our space library. This is a 'Sharing Book' for parents to read with the children, so you can enjoy together the experience of reading for pleasure.

Year 2 will continue to take home a book home weekly. We currently have a reading record book to support with this. Note that Year 2 do not use the online ebooks as part of Little Wandle.

In Year R and Year 1, Phonics homework/review sheets will continue to be set weekly. This will help to keep you informed about classroom phonics reading. These are typically issued on a Friday. From January, these will be made available online.

Thank you for those who have attended as 'Mystery Readers'. The children are loving the opportunity to see their mums, dads and grandparents visit. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support for this. We really want this to be an opportunity for you to come in to the class and share your love of reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmest regards

Mr Price
Headteacher



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