



## Glazebury CE Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading at the **heart** of our school

In response to parental communications, I am sending out the following information in regards to reading expectations at Glazebury CE Primary school. Developing early reading skills within EYFS and KS1 is of upmost importance and is something we are very proud of here at Glazebury Primary School. Our chosen Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) scheme is **Little Wandle** and is taught daily throughout EYFS and KS1. You will find some useful information about Little Wandle on our website, to aid understanding in how phonics can help your child with their letter recognition as well as their segmenting and blending skills. The skills are fundamentally important to your child becoming a reader.

Alongside our daily phonics sessions, children will also engage in **3 sessions of Guided Reading per week**. Within these sessions we will look at decoding, fluency and prosody (reading with expression), as well developing our comprehension skills.

**To further assist in your child's development, we set the expectation for children to read at home at least 3 times per week (Mon – Fri) and for this to be logged in their reading journals.** This needs to be a supported task, with an adult or family member listening to them reading out loud and afterwards engaging in discussion surrounding the text to ensure they have understood what they have read.

**Please can we have your child's reading journal and book in school Daily** as we have a range of reading activities to help your child and would like to ensure we record when children have had a guided read session and when they have been heard read individually. Currently we have a number of children that do not bring their reading journal nor their book into school. We will be providing the children with a range of reading materials to support their reading journey:

- **E-Books:** which are fully decodable and in line with their teaching in Guided Reading. We want the children to become fluent with their reading, so the more they can access this text over the course of the week, the more fluent and confident they will become.
- **Decodable book:** As a response to feedback from parents, we recognise that the e-books alone may prove difficult to access at times, for example if you do not have a device to hand. School have purchased additional decodable books that are fully aligned to the Little Wandle scheme. Your child will be assigned a book every Monday to read at home throughout the week and require this also in school to support .
- **A Book To Share:** Children will be given free choice of an additional book which they will be able to take home for the week. These will have elements that can be decoded but it is meant to be read to or with the child as an enjoyable shared experience. We ask that these are also returned each Monday ready to be exchanged.

We hope that you will both embrace and enjoy the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead as your child continues their journey towards becoming a fluent reader. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Mowbray  
Head Teacher