

Head Teacher

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Dear Parents,

Home Reading Books

The PTA have kindly funded a range of new Big Cat banded books to support the children's reading. This means that our progressive book scheme has been adapted in the following way:

Little Wandle

Children who are accessing the Little Wandle phonics programme will continue to bring home a Little Wandle reading book which is matched to their current phonics learning. They should be able to read this book with 95%+ fluency.

After Little Wandle

Once children finish the Little Wandle phonics programme, they move on to the school's progressive banded scheme. This will include predominantly Big Cat banded books as well as some National Geographic for Kids books which have been fitted into the scheme (Level 3 at Band 8 and Level 4 at Band 11), providing the children with extra non-fiction texts linked to their reading ability.

The numbers used on the scheme will now match the banding on the Big Cat books, which can be found on the back. Your child will be matched to the appropriate band which will relate to the level they were previously on. Please be assured that they will not have been moved backwards in their reading – the numbers have just been adapted to match those on the Big Cat books.

Library

The children will continue to have a library session every two weeks when they have free choice of a book to bring home. As this is a free choice, this book is chosen for reading for pleasure and may require an adult to read to them as it is not matched to their reading ability.

A huge thank you to the PTA for buying the Big Cat books for the children and to everybody who supports the PTA as without you, the PTA would not have the funds to do this.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home,

Miss Scrutton
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