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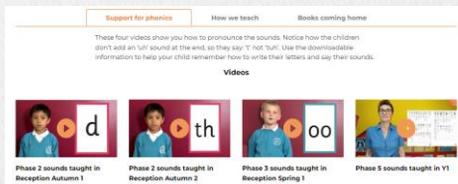
Reading

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



Our pupils in EYFS2 and Year 1 are taught to read through daily direct phonics instruction which links in with their reading practice sessions, using fully decodable books. We follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised programme; there is a Parent section on their website if you'd like to know more, including how you can support your child's reading at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Banded Books



Years 2 to 6 choose a banded book to bring home and read to their family, with the adult recording their reading in their planner / reading record. We are incredibly proud of the wide range of these books that we now have at Lawn; not only do we have the reading schemes that you'd expect to see (such as Collins Big Cat, for example), but we now also have in KS2 non reading scheme books. These are books that you would expect to find on any book shop shelf, but have been expertly banded to ensure that your child can always access reading at their current level to ensure they keep on enjoying their reading.

Topic-related texts

A reading-rich curriculum offers the means for which a pupil can thrive, therefore each half term, your child's teacher places an 'order' with a brilliant service called 'The Education Library Service'. They loan to us a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from them which are related to each topic, thereby giving the children not only a new 'stock' of classroom texts to enjoy each half term, but also the opportunity to find out more about the topic which they're learning about.

Reading for Pleasure

In addition to the decodable phonics books that EYFS2 and Y1 bring home and the banded books that Y2 to Y6 bring home, at Lawn we also encourage ways to Read for Pleasure. That is why we ask children to choose an additional book from their classroom reading area or from one of our libraries to enjoy and to share with you, their family, at home. This sharing book doesn't have to be one that your child can read themselves. This is a lovely opportunity for you to read to your child and then for you to chat together about what you've read. Doing this is just as valuable as your child reading their banded or phonics book to you – we need our young people to be able to hear how we read (to help them with their own fluency and intonation) and we also need to help them to understand what they are reading. More on this on the next page ...



Reading

Tips for listening to your child read at home ...

1. If your child is struggling to decode (sound out) a word, ask them to 'sound it out'. This is where they say the sounds (phonemes), not the letter names. You can find out more about this in the 'Parent' section of Little Wandle – there are videos about 'pure sounds'. For older children, they may need to 'chunk it up' into syllables to help them to decode new and more complicated words.
2. Reading well isn't just about being able to decode individual words. Once your child has read a sentence (and if they had to stop to decode any words) ask them to re-read the sentence a few times so that they can build up their confidence in reading fluently. You can model this to them at this stage by reading the sentence out to show them how words 'flow'. Echo-reading is one of the strategies that we use in class to teach fluency and intonation.
3. Reading well isn't just about being able to decode individual words or the ability to read with fluency. Does your child understand what they're reading? After every so often (depending on the length of the book), stop your child and ask them questions about what they've read. This could be a question where they have to find the information in the text (retrieval), a question where they have to use their inference skills (e.g. maybe asking why a character is feeling the way they do) or a question about a word they've read (do they know what it means).

D.E.A.R.

One of our 'Reading for Pleasure' strategies at Lawn is 'DEAR' – Drop Everything And Read. This is where the children have uninterrupted reading time of whatever reading material they choose – it could be their banded book, a library book, a book from home, a comic or a child-appropriate newspaper such as 'First News'. This is something that we all (adults alike, as we also join in) look forward to and it happens each day, usually following the afternoon register. Recently, we have developed this further – on a Friday, it is called 'DEAR With Another Year'. This is where younger children are paired up with older children (e.g. Y1 joins up with Y4) and the children spend time reading to each other. This is something that the children say they really love, especially because it means they can spend time with new friends, often in new classrooms, sharing the books they're currently enjoying.

Allestree Library

We have been contacted by Allestree Library to be very kindly invited to take our pupils over to the library on Park Farm. Your child's teacher will be choosing a day in the Autumn 2, Spring 1 or Spring 2 term to spend an hour there, allowing the children to have a look at the lovely books they could borrow when visiting with their family and to also have a short story time. As soon as we have the dates and times booked, we'll let you know. Maybe you could come along as a parent helper?





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Roving Book Fair

What a great day we had, celebrating our love for reading and books! Each class visited the book shop to browse the amazing selection, filling the hall with a wonderful 'buzz' and book chatter. A huge thank you, as always, for your support!



Congratulations to Tamara Gibbons of Y6H – our winner of the £7.50 Prize Draw!

The book fair will visit us again on Friday, 17th March 2023 and we'll have our World Book Day 2023 vouchers to use on this occasion! WBD: 2.3.23 (more information nearer to the time) <https://www.worldbookday.com/2022/09/world-book-day-2023-announcements/>

Look at some of the wonderful new books that the commission from today's Book Fair has enabled us to buy thanks to you, our fantastic families! Your child's teacher has chosen new books for their classroom reading corners – how lucky are we to be able to do this?



Thank you for taking the time to look at this curriculum newsletter about reading at Lawn Primary School. Please do visit our new website to find out more information about other aspects of our English curriculum. Mrs Shepherd, English Lead www.lawn.derby.sch.uk/english

