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Dear Parents/Carers,

Little Wandle: eBook Feedback

Thank you for your feedback regarding the eBooks we introduced at the start of the academic year, linked to the phonics program that children are learning in class. We appreciate hearing your thoughts and recognise that a majority of parents expressed a preference for physical, decodable books rather than digital versions. Based on this feedback, we are pleased to inform you that we are introducing a new system to provide physical books alongside the eBooks.

Over the last week, we have worked to set up a system to facilitate physical books in a sustainable way. As you may know, we have previously faced challenges with physical books not being returned to school, which has impacted our ability to reissue them to other students and led to a significant cost to the school.

Decodable phonics books are specifically chosen to match the sounds your child is currently learning in school. By practising with these books, your child builds fluency and confidence at just the right level for their stage of reading. This approach ensures they make steady progress without feeling overwhelmed or stuck. It's so important that children are able to access books at the right stage to help them succeed and enjoy reading.

To make sure every child has access to the books they need, we've put a system in place to track borrowed books. Each phonics phase and reading band has a limited number of books that are shared across the school, so it's really important that books are returned promptly. If books aren't returned, it can mean another child misses out on having the right resources to practise their reading.

To help with this, we've introduced a simple reminder system. If a book hasn't been returned, we'll send home a friendly reminder slip to let you know. If the book is still missing after a second reminder, we'll arrange to have a quick chat to see if there's anything we can do to help. Each book costs the school around £4.75, so it is really important that they are returned.

We will continue to issue new HomeTime Books and decodable books weekly on a Friday. If your child requires a new book before then, please do inform the class teacher and we will be happy to change their book sooner.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making sure that all our children have access to the books they need. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to practise, progress and enjoy their reading journey. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like advice about supporting reading at home, please feel free to get in touch – we're always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,
Sophie Bugg
Head of Schools