



12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## RE: New Phonics Scheme at Longmeadow

Dear Families,

As part of our curriculum changes at Longmeadow, Ms Laflin and I have been carefully reviewing our phonics provision. Moving forward the school will follow the Little Wandle Systematic Phonics Program.

Last term we were busy training leaders on this scheme and rebanding our reading books according to the scheme's progression (KS2 will continue to use accelerated reader, reading ages). This term we will be piloting the scheme in Reception in Spring 1, whilst all of our staff are fully trained. This will then launch from Nursery to Year 1 for all pupils. Pupils in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will also be assessed and keep up sessions deployed for any children who have gaps in their knowledge due to the pandemic.

The Little Wandle website explains:

*'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools. Based on the original Letters and Sounds, but extensively revised to provide a complete teaching programme meeting all the expectations of the National Curriculum, the Ofsted Deep Dive into reading and preparing your children to go beyond the expectations of the Phonics Screening Check.'*

Ms Sally Laflin (English Curriculum Lead and DHT), Mr Sam Clarke (Head of EYs and KS1) and I will be running a parental information session on Little Wandle and Longmeadow's approach to Early Reading on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm. Please book your place on the School Gateway.

Further information can be found on the Little Wandle website, including resources to use at home and pronunciation of sounds:

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

Kind regards

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