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Dear Parent / Carer,

As part of the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme, your child reads three times a week in school, with a trained member of staff. They also get individual one-to-one time where we go round and listen to and help them within the group.

Each session has a different focus

- **Decoding** – using their phonics skills to read the book
- **Prosody** - working on expression and intonation
- **Comprehension** - answering questions about the text.

The children develop fluency throughout the week as they read the same text in all three sessions. Repeated practise is crucial for this progress to take place so the children eventually read words by sight. Reading this book with you at home will allow them to share their learning from the week with you.

As a school, we have a subscription to Collins Big Cat eBooks and the book your child has read at school will be assigned to your child for them to read on a device at home. These books have many features – just like a kindle: they can explain words, give questions, read to the child, highlight words etc.

There are two types of reading book for your children to read at home:

- **A copy of the reading book they have read in school via Collins Big Cat eBook.**
- **A banded book.**

What happens next?

- **Your child will come home with a username and password as well as a parent guide to get you started on to Collins eBook.**
- **Your child's class teacher will be in charge of selecting the books allocated to your child's eBook library.**
- **The week's book will be assigned on Friday following the in class reading sessions that week.**

If you do not have access to a device please come and speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Nelson

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