



# St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

A Community where we Live, Learn and Laugh Together in God's Love



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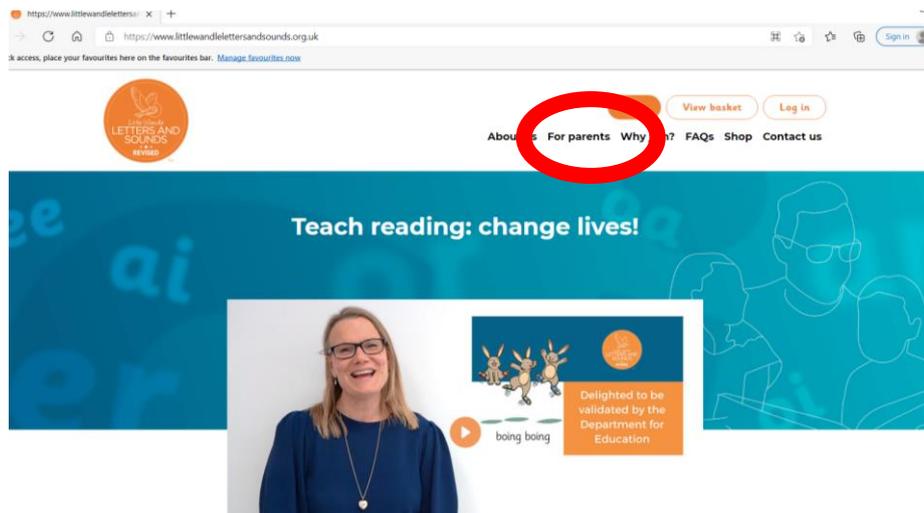
Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really excited to share with you that we have signed up to a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. This phonics scheme provides a thorough and robust system in which children can practise their reading and writing skills. You may have noticed we have some lovely new reading books for children to read to you at home and these match our phonics scheme exactly. Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One will complete a daily phonics session in school and bring home reading books each week that are linked to these sessions.

As part of the scheme the following website provides information and support for parents and carers. You do not require a login to access the parent tab.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk>

Below is a screen shot of the home page of the website that parents and carers can access to support their children with at home.



The tab at the top of the screen (circled in red) provides support for at home, including videos of how to pronounce and write sounds, supporting reading sessions and an outline of the yearly progression.

It is vital that phonemes (sounds) are pronounced correctly to support children in learning to blend to read and segment to write. Videos of children pronouncing these sounds can be found on the website under the 'support for parents' tab, detailed below. The titles of these videos are aimed at children in Reception but can most definitely be used to support children in Year One and Two with correct pronunciations.

viewed by members.

Support for phonics

How we teach

Support for reading

These three videos show you how to pronounce the sounds. Notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. Use the downloadable information to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

Videos



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2



Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1

Attached to this letter is a copy of the rhymes we will be using in school to support children in pronouncing sounds and forming letters accurately. For children in Years One and Two these have altered slightly from the phrases we were previously using in school.

We are aiming that in the coming months we may be able to hold a phonics information session and phonics session in class. Here, we will provide you with more information about our scheme and how we teach phonics in school. We will then provide the opportunity for you to work in class with your child on phonics activities to support their learning and development. This will obviously be dependent on Government guidelines and restrictions.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Robertshaw

Phonics Lead