

# Little Library



On the main drive we have a Little Library which is full of fantastic stories for bedtimes. Please help yourself to a bedtime story and pop it back in the box when you're done with it!

Any questions? Please just ask Mrs Bartlett (English Lead at Key Stage one ) or Mrs Riches (Phonics Lead)

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# Reading at Portsdown Primary School & Early Years

Our aim is that children develop a love of reading. We believe that if children have the correct reading skills they can understand the world better.



**How we work together to teach reading from Year R to Year 2.**



## Phonics

**What is phonics?** This is learning the sounds that children need to read and write words. As children learn their letter sounds (phonemes) they are able to blend them to read unknown words. In writing, the sounds are called graphemes and they help children to be able to spell words.

### Little Wandle



This is a new reading scheme we have established at Portsdown that uses a systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) program.

### How can I help with phonics at home?

Below is a link to three videos that show you how to pronounce sounds. This link will also give more support about how Little Wandle works and some useful ideas to use with your child.

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

### Reading in school

All children read phonics books to apply their in class phonics learning.

- ◇ In Year R children read one to one at least once a week with a book at their reading level.
- ◇ In Year 1 children read in small groups every day with an adult with a book at their reading level.
- ◇ In Year 2 children read every day in small groups with a focus and are monitored by the class teacher.

## Books for children



### What books will my child bring home from school?



**Reading practice book**—this book is at the correct phonics stage for your child. It is marked with a sticker to show that this book is a book they need to read with you.

**Reading challenges**—please make sure you hear your child read this phonics/reading practice book at least 4 times a week. Each year group has their own reading challenge where children can earn prizes and rewards for reading to you at home!

### Why is reading at home so important?

'Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's success'. (OCED 2002)

**A sharing book** Every week, your child will come home with a new Library book. This is a book for you to read **together** at home. See your class newsletter for which day your child will change their book.

