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Dear parents and carers,

We would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the online survey about use of Ebooks as part of our new Phonics and reading scheme 'Little Wandle'.

We are aware that some people have found it difficult to access the eBooks for varied reasons. We would like to ensure that we provide opportunities for all children to read at home and would therefore like to make the following adjustments to our book/reading routines:

- Your child will continue to read a fully decodable book in school during 'Reading Practise Sessions' and then this book will be assigned as an **eBook on a Friday**. This book is exactly matched to their phonic knowledge and should be prioritised wherever possible as reading this book will help them develop fluency and confidence using learnt diagraphs and blending skills.
- In addition to this, your child will continue to bring home a '**sharing book**' of their choice from the school library. They may need support reading this book and it might be a perfect 'bedtime book' for you to enjoy reading together.
- From this week, we will also send home a second '**book bag**' book. This book has been chosen because it matches the Phonics phase your child is currently learning. It may not be exactly matched to your child's phonic knowledge like the Ebook, and may contain unfamiliar graphemes and tricky words. However, it will provide another opportunity to read aloud and develop fluency and comprehension.

Your child will change their 'sharing book' weekly when they visit the library and they will be able to change the newly introduced 'book bag' book as frequently as they wish. We recommend reading it multiple times so that your child can develop their decoding skills, then as their confidence and familiarity with the book increases, they'll read with further fluency and can develop their comprehension skills.

We hope that this change will help your child engage with reading at home, and we can't wait to see lots of children achieving Fivers and Reading Karate belts over the next few weeks!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Red Area Team