



# VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to let you know about some exciting new changes to our phonics teaching and early reading schemes. We have invested in a brand new, recently Government-validated phonics programme, 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised', along with a range of wonderful new reading books. The new programme and replenished resources will ensure that our phonics at Vernon continues to be taught in a systematic, synthetic way.

In line with these changes, colour book-bands will no longer be used (although many books will still have the colours marked on them – this is no longer indicative of a reading level). Instead, your child's reading books will match their phonics phase of learning. Your child will bring home two types of reading books:

- **A reading practice book** – This will match their phonic phase of learning. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- **A sharing book** - This book is for you to share alongside your child and enjoy together.

Additional resources are available on our Collins E-Library, which includes the full range of phonics reading books. If you need a reminder of your child's individual login, please contact the school office.

Due to Covid-19, we have been informed that there are shipping delays with some school resources and therefore, we are currently still awaiting our new supply of reading records for reception and Key Stage One. Your child will be given their new reading record as soon as these arrive in school.

Thank you as always for your support in helping your child learn how to read and in developing their love for books.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S McNeil  
Assistant Headteacher/English Subject Leader

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*Nobody else is quite like me'*

