

Cupernham Infant School

Together we care, we learn and we achieve

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Dear Parents/carers,

We are extremely excited to be launching our 'Little Wandle Big Cat Phonic' books. These beautiful new books will help to develop the children's phonic and reading skills whilst fostering a love of reading for all.

The children will have 3 reading sessions a week with their class teacher and LSA's. These sessions will focus on three key reading skills:

- Decoding - blending and segmenting the words
- Prosody – reading with meaning, stress and intonation
- Comprehension – understanding the text.

There is a helpful guide at the front of each of the books which outlines the phonic and tricky word focus and new vocabulary the children should understand. At the back of each book there is a review guide to support you and your child's reading further.

A home school partnership is essential for your child's reading development and progress. Therefore we strongly encourage you to read their 'Big Cat' book 3 times over the week. Please celebrate your child's successes and if they can't read a word, read it to them and reread at a later date to develop their confidence and fluency.

Our new books provide huge scope to discuss and talk about the book together. The illustrations open up many opportunities to make links with their own experiences and extend their communication and language skills. Please allow the children to explore and talk as much as possible.

We are desperate to encourage the children to look after our new books so that they can be enjoyed by many children for years to come. Please ensure this is stressed at home as well as school and please do not put water bottles in book bags to prevent damage. We understand that accidents happen but these books are part of a set and therefore if books are lost or damaged we are unable to do our group reading. Thank you for supporting us in respecting our books.

Please ensure books are in your child's bookbag each day, so we can enjoy and share during the school day.

We look forward to seeing your child's love of reading develop both at home and school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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