# Your child's reading journey

# *Fluency*

Your child is on their journey to becoming a skilled reader. At our school, our children begin their reading journey following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. Your child has finished their phonics journey and will now be building their fluency and comprehension skills by following the *Little Wandle Fluency Programme*. Little Wandle Fluency teaches all aspects of reading using vibrant, diverse and engaging chapter books created by contemporary authors and illustrators. Each book has been carefully selected to support your child as they progress in reading fluency.

## Little Wandle Fluency

Over a 2-week period your child will be reading within a small group focusing upon a pre-read vocabulary check, exciting hook to start the book, direct teaching of prosody, repeated reading and a comprehension discussion section. Once they have read the entire book, it will be sent home for the children to re-read and enjoy over a 2-week period!

**Please note, this has been a large financial investment by the school so it is essential that these books are taken care of. We need your help!**

- Please keep this book inside its plastic wallet, apart from when it is being read, so it doesn't get damaged.
- Please ensure the book is put in a safe place after listening to your child read so it does not get lost.
- Please make sure books are placed into your child's bag each day.

Staff will be keeping careful records of which books have been sent home and which have been returned after the 2 weeks. We will not be able to send out the new book until the previous book has been returned.

## Reading at Home

Parental support is extremely valued at Threemilestone School and we recognised the huge impact it has on your child's progress and attainment. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a large impact on their reading journey by continuing their practise at home. There are two types of reading books that your child may bring home:

- A reading practice book. This will be at the correct fluency stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. At the back of the book, you will find information about the author and, if appropriate, illustrator, as well as some book chat questions.

- A sharing book. Your child may need support in reading this book. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure.

A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success so please keep reading!

Any questions, please speak to your class teacher. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.