

Phonics and Reading at Braeburn

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised – Systematic, Synthetic Phonics Programme

At Braeburn Primary and Nursery Academy we teach phonics and the application of reading through the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised programme. This is a systematic, synthetic phonics programme that was validated by the Department for Education in July 2021. Every member of staff has completed training modules provided by Little Wandle to ensure a whole school understanding of the approach, and we regularly have CPD sessions to ensure all staff are updated. Our Reading Lead, Mrs. Aitken, supports staff across the school with the implementation of the programme and ensures consistency throughout the whole school.

Daily Phonics Lessons

Across Reception, Key Stage One and Lower Key Stage Two all children access a daily phonics lesson. Phonics is an approach in which children systematically learn individual sounds then blend the sounds together to read words. Our lessons are based on repeated practice and application in order to allow children to become able to decode words with confidence. The aim is for children to develop their decoding skills so that they can soon 'blend in their head' and become fluent readers.

Fully Decodable Books

Alongside the Little Wandle programme we have the full range of Collins Big Cat for Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised books. Children are assigned books according to their phonic knowledge to ensure they are reading with a 90-95% rate of fluency. The children read a book 3 times in school during 3 Reading Squad sessions, focusing on Decoding, Prosody and Comprehension. Our Reading Squad is a group of Teachers and Assistant Teachers that read with small groups of children three times a week. The children will bring this book home the following week and share this with their adults at home.

Support at Home

Children should bring their book bag to school everyday. We provide a Reading Record in order to maintain a good level of communication between home and school about your child's progress through the reading programme. As well as being provided with a home reading book, children will also bring home a 'Braeburn Reading for Pleasure' book. These books will provide our children with a range of reading opportunities, they should be shared with adults and read to the child. Reading to your child helps encourage a love of books, builds vocabulary and

provides bonding time for you and your child. For ideas and support with reading aloud to your child please contact Mrs Aitken or Miss Thompson, who will be happy to provide support and ideas.

Resources for Parents

On the Little Wandle website, there are some excellent resources for parents and carers in the “For Parents” section.

By following this link, you will be able to see the full progression grid from Reception to the end of Year 1. You will see which sounds and words your child will be learning at which point of their phonics and reading journey.

[Progression grid for phonics](#)

In this link you will find videos of how to correctly pronounce the sounds that each letter makes, the correct formation of each letter, and how to write capital letters.

[Little Wandle for parents](#)