

# Puddletown Church of England First School

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Dear Parents,

In Year 2 we are continuing with the Little Wandle scheme which moves from phonics towards a spelling programme, in preparation for Key stage 2.

We will continue to send home the Wandle reading books, as in year 1, but we will also be sending home books from our colour banded boxes to encourage children to read more widely.

It would benefit your child's reading and further improve pace, fluency and sight vocabulary if they could read 3-4 times a week at home, to an adult. Please record home reading in their reading diary.

The Wandle books will be coming home on a Tuesday and please could they be returned the following Monday. The colour banded books can be returned and swapped on any day, as required. Please remind your child to carry their water bottles. They should not be put in book bags as many books were damaged by water last year.

Additionally, as the focus moves towards more accurate spelling rather than phonetically plausible spelling your child will have some tricky words stuck into a 'next steps' book to practise at home. Please support your child with their spelling by asking them to read the words, identify the tricky part and then practise spelling them by writing them down (they could use coloured pencil, paint or even chalk!). You could also encourage your child to write sentences using some of these words. These words will be assessed and updated each half term.

Throughout the year, we will use the next steps book to send home any additional information about the ways in which you can support your child at home.

We have enjoyed the start to the Autumn term with your child and we look forward to working alongside you to support them throughout their time in Year 2. If you have any questions please feel free to catch us at the end of the day.

With best wishes,  
Year 2 team



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