

Crabbs Cross Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The teaching of early reading and writing at Crabbs Cross Academy in Reception and Key Stage 1

At Crabbs Cross Academy we follow the government approved 'Little Wandle' - Letters and Sounds Revised' scheme for teaching early reading and writing. This is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) and all of our teachers and teaching assistants have been fully trained to deliver this programme.

This ensures that throughout the school there is a consistent approach to the teaching of reading, including the pronunciation of phonemes (the sound it makes) and the introduction of new formation phrases. All children in the class are taught the same grapheme (the sound written down) with children who need additional support having same day 'keep up' sessions.

Phonics is taught daily in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, with the length of these sessions varying depending on the age and stage of the children being taught.

Alongside our daily phonics lessons, every child will take part in three reading sessions per week. Children will read in a small group to a trained teacher or teaching assistant, reading the same book three times with the aim of reading at 95% fluency. The focus for each session is different; decoding, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension.

Home Reading Books

Teachers have assessed your children and today your child is bringing home a book at their appropriate level.

Book I can read (Little Wandle)

This is a book to share at home and will be the same book they have been reading in their reading sessions. This allows your child to 'show off' the new skills they have learnt and builds their self-esteem as a reader. These books are sent home as 'E-books'.

To access your child's allocated E-book please see the separate Collins Big Cat individual pupil login and parent guide that has come home with your child today.

Book I can share

This is a physical book that your child will bring home and will allow your child to read for pleasure. The book your child chooses, is not a book they are expected to read independently. Instead, this is a book for you to enjoy sharing together.

We will be holding a phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents this term to help you support your children at home.

Please also find a link to a support section for parents and carers, where you can find further information about our new scheme Little Wandle – Letters and Sounds Revised. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

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