

## Teaching Reading in Reception (Alps) and Key Stage One (Andes and Pyrenees)

We have recently purchased a new reading scheme called 'Little Wandle Letter and Sounds.' Your child's teacher will let you know each week which sounds are taught at school. During the course of Year 2, children will move onto 'Accelerated Reader in line with KS2. We will let you know more about this, later on in the term.

What reading books will my child bring home?

Your child will bring home a 'Collins Big Cat' reading practice book. They will also have a 'sharing' book or bedtime book. This book is for you both to read together and to encourage 'Reading for Pleasure'.

What is a reading practice book?

The reading practice book is carefully matched to your child's current reading level.

My child's reading practice book is too easy!

If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Why can't my child have more books to bring home?

To improve confidence and reading fluency, Little Wandle suggests just one book a week and a child can reread the book, with expression and speed.

Remember to give lots of praise and encouragement. Talk about the events, characters and how they are feeling. Discuss the pictures, predict the story, use different voices for characters and explain facts in non-fiction books.

The main thing is that you have fun!