

Welcome to Bug Club!

Dear Parents,



What is Bug Club?

Bug Club is a finely-levelled reading scheme, which allows your child access to books at exactly the right level for them. The Bug Club book is to be read over the weekend, initially we will allocate a whole set of books but as children start to learn phonics and reading sight words we will allocate a specific book. (see reading overview letter sent home last week for a reminder)

Using the books

Inside front cover: for younger children, these notes identify words with which children may need help and give ideas and strategies to help you feel confident that you know how best to help. For older children, the notes are intended to deepen each child's understanding of the book. They provide background information about the time or place the book was written or sometimes information about the author or illustrator.

Inside back cover: these notes suggest puzzles and challenges that help children think about their reading. These include 'Find it!' activities that encourage children to revisit the text; 'Share it!' tasks that may involve making or writing something, and other ideas that offer ideas for further reading.

Using the online reading world

Your child can enjoy reading **Bug Club** books online and these can also be printed. Your child has a unique homepage and can log into it by following these steps:

1. Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter your child's username, password and school code (see the back of their reading record for this information).
3. Your child's homepage will appear.

Reading a book online

We will allocate books according to your child's reading level. These books will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepage. Throughout the books there are quiz questions for your child to complete. **We would advise that you avoid the 'Bugs' during the first book look and to complete these during the second read instead, simply to help with building fluency and comprehension skills. When your child has finished a book, it will move to 'My Library' in order to access again.**

Getting involved

When sharing a book with your child, try to take opportunities to talk about the book - before, during and after reading.

Before reading: look at the book cover and talk about it. Is the book likely to be fiction or non-fiction? What does your child think the book is going to be about?

While reading: support your child when unknown words need tackling: encourage them to sound them out and blend, use the pictures and initial sound or spot any sight words you know they need to learn. Remind your child to listen to the words while reading them, to make sure that they make sense. Have a 'meaning check' every now and again to ensure that your child understands the text.

After reading: talk about the book. What was it about? Ask *how* and *why* questions to check that your child's understanding. Encourage them to talk about parts they liked or disliked and why.

Remember to record every 'Bug Club' read in your child's reading record.

Any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

Happy reading!